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Dottie Larffarello seen here at La Rosa's Home Style Take Out at Wilmington Crossing Plaza. Dottie is buying gift cards to be distributed by Wilmington Cares organizer Christine Bentley to help those residents in need during this difficult time.

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New housing project would contribute to fire substation

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — At a virtual meeting held over videoconferencing platform Zoom on March 30, the Board of Selectmen elected to continue to support Princeton Properties, LLC with a planned housing project at the corner of Middlesex Avenue and Jefferson Road in Wilmington. The board initially voted to support the project on Jan. 13.

Two votes were taken at the most recent meeting. The first motion authorizes board chair Greg Bendel to execute a local initiative program application submitted to state department of housing and community development (DHCD). The second vote authorizes execution of the development agreement. Both votes passed 4-1, with Selectman Michael McCoy alone voting no on both.

According to Town Counsel, Attorney Jonathan Silverstein, the project will consist of 108 units, with 173 bedrooms. Of the units include, 20 percent are permanently income-restricted at 50 percent of area medium income, which is a higher level of affordability than other types of affordable units.

The agreement includes a provision that units must remain as rental units. Unlike home ownership projects, in rental projects the town gets to count all units towards subsidized housing inventory. The agreement also has height restrictions and other development restrictions.

Silverstein clarified that the purpose of the agreement is not to be primarily regulatory document. A regulatory agreement must be issued by the Zoning Board of Appeals, once the state approves the agreement.

"So the ZBA will be setting the really specifically development restrictions, but we did want to include some broad-strokes development restrictions on this project," said Silverstein.

The agreement also specifies 25 percent lot coverage, with a 40 percent open space requirement. The agreement also provides for a permanent deed restriction both with respect to affordability, and to mandate that it be a rental project.

Other noteworthy aspects of the agreement include funding toward other town issues. According to Silverstein, the agreement provides for \$250,000 contribution towards a North Wilmington fire substation project, over the course of 10 years. The agreement is also subject to a Mass Works grant, which will fund sewer lines, road improvements, culvert repair, and town's engineering and planning staff. If the grant is awarded, all associated costs will be a responsibility of Princeton Properties.

Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich explained to the board that, if the DHCD issues

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Wilmington Cares resident Facebook group spreads kindness throughout the community

By CASEY STEVENSON
TMHS Intern

WILMINGTON — In this time of social distancing and disruption to everyday lives, the country could use a little kindness. In towns and communities, individuals are forming groups to spread support and positivity to their area.

Take, for example, Wilmington Cares, a Facebook group dedicated to this very cause.

Not to be confused with

Wilmington C.A.R.E.S., an after school childcare program, Wilmington Cares is a group on Facebook started by a resident and mother looking to help her community.

When asked how her program started, she said she was "just a resident in town that asked the community if anyone was interested in showing our appreciation. I initially asked for 15-20 people to get involved, and now have over 900 members of the community

involved in less than three weeks. It's been amazing."

The founder elaborated on some of the projects they have accomplished so far, for different parts of the community, from families to essential workers.

"We have sent 537 individual thank you cards with restaurant gift cards included (to essential workers). We sent a large gift card to Wilmington custodians for keeping our schools sanitized. We

have even gifted \$750 in Market Basket gift cards to the Wilmington Food Pantry.

"We have a few in town families who are in crisis with new and terminal cancer diagnoses who we sent hundreds (of dollars) in gift cards to hopefully ease the burden."

"We helped two local nurses collect over 88 baby monitors to help in communications with COVID-19 rooms in their hospitals."

In terms of numbers,

the resident was proud to announce that "we have raised over \$18,000 in less than three weeks."

The founder delved into explaining future projects she hopes to pursue with Wilmington Cares:

"We are still nominating and sending thank yous to our front line essential workers and are now looking to send individually packaged lunches to the staff at a few other places in town, such as nursing

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Shawsheen Tech

School Committee votes to suspend search for new superintendent

By CASSIA BURNS
News Correspondent

BILLERICA — On Wednesday, April 1, the Shawsheen Tech School Committee voted to suspend its search for a new superintendent.

The committee voted by a margin of 7-3 to scrap the current search in favor of seeking new candidates. This decision comes after a lengthy process including interviews, site visits, and screenings.

Most recently, in-person interviews were conducted back in February with the four finalists. They were: Jenna Lesko, assistant principal of supervision and professional development at Shawsheen Tech; Thomas Aubin, former superintendent-director of Diman Regional Tech High School in Fall River; Kelly Fay, coordinator of curriculum and staff development at Whit-

tier Regional Vocational Technical High School; and Susan Kustka, former assistant superintendent for administration and personnel at Weymouth Public Schools. Lesko and Kustka both received nominations for the position at the April 1 meeting, but neither reached the required six votes in order to be appointed. Each candidate received three votes.

There was some internal disagreement amongst the School Committee regarding whether to start from scratch. Although some members felt that the lack of enthusiasm for any of the candidates marked a need for the process to be restarted, other members feared this meant the committee would not be able to find a candidate they could all agree on.

When it came time for the final vote, Paula Lambert, Ronald Fusco and Patricia Meuse voted against suspending the search. All other seven members voted in favor.

The initial search for a new Shawsheen Tech superintendent began last fall, after former Superintendent Tim Broadrick resigned in March 2019 to take over as superintendent at Prospect Mountain High School in Alton, N.H.

Town Meeting, town elections to be postponed

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Following a vote by the Board of Selectmen on March 30, Town Meeting and town elections will both be postponed in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wilmington native

Bamberg family asks people to stay home, for Pete's sake

WINDHAM, NH — A windham family whose husband is originally from Wilmington is asking everyone to stay inside, for Pete's sake.

Peter Bamberg, a native of Wilmington, has

demic.

"It was important to us... to be proactive rather than reactive in our approach to let citizens know where we stood with Town Meeting," said Town Moderator Rob Peterson, Jr.

He noted that the joint

committee meetings of Finance Committee and Planning Board would also be facing postponement.

The vote approved by the selectmen to approve the May 2 annual Town

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Wilmington steps up to help senior population

WILMINGTON — The community cares about its senior population and the proof is in the packaging.

Thanks to the Department of Elder Services and local businesses such as AJ's Kitchen, Lucci's, Panera Bread,

and Designs By Don, Wilmington's seniors have been receiving care packages filled with flowers and/or food to let them know the community is thinking about them.

With the Buzzell Senior Center now closed due to

the coronavirus pandemic, Terri Marciello, Director of Elderly Services and her team including partner Laura Pickett, case manager, have been picking up gifts to deliver to area seniors.

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Information for those who may be affected by COVID-19

BOSTON — Governor Charlie Baker extended non-essential business closure and shelter-in-place orders until May 4. Essential workers lists can be found at mass.gov but it roughly includes all of those in the food supply chain, medical field, energy and utility services, and critical manufacturing of medical related products.

Other services such as construction or hotel staff supporting the response are also authorized. Consult your HR representative or the Governor's list to see if you should be working remotely or appearing in person.

Schools will also be closed until May 4 — all schools, regardless of public or private affiliation, including non-emergency related childcare, are to remain closed with districts moving to electronic learning. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is working to implement learning alongside districts including those for students on IEPs/504 plans. WGBH and other collaborators have made a number of educational activities available online for free, which may be found at www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/resources.html

The federal government expanded unemployment benefits to include new categories and extended the collection period, as well as provided direct stimulus.

With the passage of Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act previously self-employed or "1099" employees were not authorized for unemployment insurance as they were exempt from paying in. The federal government is currently advising states on the rules passed by this act, and will begin receiving applications and distributing funds once the money is received and guidelines are established.

An application by a 1099/self employed person will be accepted, but not acted on. It is best to wait temporarily until these funds are made available. Additional monies made available have given the Commonwealth the ability to provide 13 extra weeks of assistance to those in need.

Individual filers making up to \$75,000 and joint filers up to \$150,000 will receive \$1,200 each with a \$500 stipend per child. Those making above will receive reduced amounts based on their income. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE STATE NOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL CALL YOU FOR PERSONAL INFORMATION TO DISPERSE THESE CHECKS.

The Commonwealth has changed the way unemployment is granted to make it easier.

Gov. Baker and the state have waived the one week waiting period, meaning if you are laid off due to COVID-19 issues you are immediately allowed to apply for your benefits. You do not have to search for other jobs during this state of emergency, you only need be ready to return to work once the enactment is lifted.

Anyone who has been involved in lay-offs or business shutdowns taken in response to the virus, because of quarantine orders or directives or illness that prevents them from leaving their homes, or because they must care for a sick or quarantined family member are approved under the expanded guidelines, and may receive up to 39 weeks of assistance.

You will receive 50 percent of your average weekly salary up to \$823 dollars a week. If you have lost more than 30 percent of your hours you may be eligible for partial unemployment assistance.

Small Business Relief

The CARES act supplemented the initial \$20 million in loans provided by the Commonwealth via a number of loans. Information on the type and where to apply varies. If you are interested please contact my office so we may direct you to the right loan and the respective federal agencies responsible. Loans include:

Paycheck Protection Program — This loan provides cash-flow assistance through federally backed loans to employers who maintain their payroll, which if maintained forgives the loan. This cannot be used in conjunction with the federal payroll tax, and applies retroactively from February 15,

2020. This applies to small businesses, independent contractors, the self-employed and non profits.

Economic Injury Disaster Loans & Emergency Economic Injury Grants — Available to small businesses and non profits it provides a \$10,000 advance immediately that need not be paid back under any circumstance, and an additional loan. It can be used for wage, mortgages, rent, and other costs impacted by the outbreak. This applies to small businesses, independent contractors, the self-employed and non profits.

Small Business Debt Relief Program — If you previously had a Small Business Administration loan and are struggling this program will grant reprieve. Please note that it will not apply to the Paycheck Protection Program or other COVID related loans.

PPE, Manufacturing, and Donations

The silver lining of our crisis is the absolute amount of volunteerism our community has shown in helping our front line workers and first responders. The Commonwealth is currently looking for a long list of products and medical and manufacturing assistance from qualified individuals. If you believe you can assist in the fields of plastic assembly and production, machining and manufacturing, mask and fiber processing, or have relevant medical or medical support knowledge please reach out immediately.

Doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals will receive an expedited background check in order to instate licensing requirements. If you are licensed in another state Massachusetts will issue you a practicing license within 24 hours.

Many state deadlines and licensing requirements have been extended, including the state tax deadline and RMV renewals.

The state tax deadline is now Wednesday, July 15 in conjunction with your federal filing deadline.

Under pending legislation municipalities may choose to extend their fourth quarter tax bills until June 1, and waive late-payment penalties. This is not in practice yet and should be done only after consultation with municipal authorities.

Only eight RMV's are currently open and are NOT accepting walk-ins. Appointments may be made at mass.gov/rmv

under the "Make a Reservation Option." Wilmington will only be accepting issues related to CDL licenses, for Class D licenses the nearest open location is Lawrence.

RMV Licenses and permits, including CDL's and medical certs, expiring between March 1 and April 30 will have a 60-day automatic extension.

Firearms license policy will be handled by municipalities, please call and speak to the administrative officer to find out the appropriate policy in renewals, and consider mailing appropriate documents and forms to the respective department.

Professionally licensed individuals will have until 90 days after the conclusion of the state of emergency to re-validate if their license expires.

March and April Inspection Stickers have a 60 day extension

Businesses will have until 90 days after the conclusion of the state of emergency to re-validate if a business license expires.

Inspections and permitting processes regarding construction have new flexible rules to comply with state regulations without being held to normal deadlines. Please inquire for nuanced responses.

FAQs

Q: I have been laid off/on salary and have partial hours/have been asked to "volunteer"; what should I do?

As per the Attorney General, your employer must pay your outstanding wages and any accrued sick time you have banked, that day. They cannot use COVID 19 as a reason to withhold or delay your money.

If you have been partially laid off on salary and are not EAP exempt you need to be paid for the days you work. An employer may require you to use vacation days on days you are given no work. If you are on a fluctuating work week you should be paid as usual.

The federal Department of Labor has very stringent requirements on what constitutes a volunteer for both a business or non-profit, and typically requires minimum wage to be paid. Companies cannot require you to perform normal duties for a reduced salary under contract nor require you to volunteer due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

If you have questions on this please reach out to my office or the Attorney General for clarification.

Q: My boss says that there is sick leave time/more federal sick leave time/which do I use?

Massachusetts law requires one hour of sick leave for every 30 hours worked, and time may be used to quarantine or provide care for someone ill in the family. 12 weeks of additional time was given to employees in companies with less than 500 employees by the federal government through the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. This act does not require pay the first 10 days, but does thereafter. Whenever possible it is recommended to take advantage of this act and to conserve sick leave days as this law will expire December 31st of this year.

Q: I believe that I have encountered price gouging, what should I do?

The Attorney General's consumer protection division has readied itself to receive and prosecute complaints of price gouging. According to 940 CMR 3:18 which is the law that governs pricing, there is no set difference in price that constitutes gouging, but rather defines it as "the price at which the same good or service was sold or offered for sale by the business in the usual course of business immediately prior to the onset of the declared statewide or national emergency" or what is at nearby stores.

Please understand that due to increased employee compensation and other transit costs at the time you may see slight price increases which will likely not be pursued. If you believe you have found a legitimate instance call (617) 727-8400.

Q: I am afraid that I may lose my house or apartment, what should I do?

The state has greatly increased the RAFT program for those who rent, and have asked mortgage companies to defer payments for three months. If you rent and are in need of assistance please call the office of State Representative David Robertson as the administrative agencies differ for Tewksbury and Wilmington. If you have issues with your mortgage provider please call so we may approach the respective lender.

Q: I have lost my health insurance along with my job and feel ill, what should I do?

For the duration of the crisis both Masshealth and the Health Connector have been working overtime to help provide pub-

lic insurance and prevent minor medical issues from becoming calamities. Please call to describe your situation in detail so we may connect you with the proper plan. Enrollment has been extended to April 25th.

Q: My child went to public college but is now back at home, will I get reimbursement for room and board?

Both UMass Lowell and Amherst have announced reimbursement policies related to the COVID 19 outbreak and will be showing reimbursements on student online portals with respect to the price of fees to each family. For families with students at other institutions please consult their respective bursar's offices, or contact my office.

Q: I cannot find my prescription in stock/I require scarce medical equipment, who do I call?

Keeping you safe and healthy, as well as out of a strained medical system, is our top priority. Please call so that we may make emergency requests to managing authorities for your issue. Please note that these must be diagnosed by a medical professional, and must be backed with medical requirements. Requests for medication for "home remedies" or like uses will not be authorized.

Q: I cannot afford food or heat, where do I go?

The state has authorized additional funds for LIHEAP and SNAP benefits due to loss of work, and has assigned extra case workers to help process requests. Applications may be done online or you may call our office so that we can schedule a call back to you in the absence of a computer.

Q: I need to get this document for my SNAP/Mass Health/License/Unemployment submitted to the state and I don't have a computer or fax, what should I do?

Please send me a message or call, I will pick up your paperwork from you in a closed envelope you may leave in your door and send it to the proper agency from my scanner. Alternatively, you may send us a photo of the document — that may suffice depending on the agency.

As always, life is not black and white and you may need guidance on your individual situation. Please feel free to reach out to my office at any time with questions specific to you, your business, or employer.

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HOME OFFICE DEDUCTION BENEFITS ELIGIBLE SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

Small business owners may qualify for a home-office deduction that will help them save money on their taxes and benefit their bottom line. Taxpayers can take this deduction if they use a portion of their home exclusively, and on a regular basis, for any of the following:

- As the taxpayer's main place of business
- As a place of business where the taxpayer meets patients, clients or customers. The taxpayer must meet these people in the normal course of business.
- If it is a separate structure that is not attached to the taxpayer's home. The taxpayer must use this structure in connection with their business.
- A place where the taxpayer stores inventory or samples. This place must be the sole, fixed location of their business.

Deductible expenses for business use of a home include real estate taxes, mortgage interest, rent, casualty losses, utilities, insurance, depreciation, and repairs and maintenance.

Certain expenses are limited to the net income of the business. These are known as allocable expenses. They include things such as utilities, insurance, and depreciation. While allocable expenses cannot create a business loss, they can be carried forward to the next year. If the taxpayer carries them forward, the expenses are subject to the same limitation rules. Below are two options for figuring and claiming the home office deduction.

Regular method: This method requires dividing the above expenses of operating the home between personal and business use. Self-employed taxpayers file Form 1040, Schedule C, and compute this deduction on Form 8829.

Simplified method: The simplified method reduces the paperwork and recordkeeping for small businesses. The simplified method has a set rate of \$5 a square foot for business use of the home. The maximum deduction allowed is based on up to 300 square feet.

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Whole new meaning for term 'bus stop'



A sea of idle school buses sit waiting for the dust to settle.

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18 students named to Dean's List at Roger Williams Univ.

BRISTOL, RI — Select students have been named to the Fall 2019 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester. The following students have been recognized for

this achievement.

- Emily Bartnicki, of Wilmington
- Cassidy Collins, of Wilmington
- Andrew Dawson, of Wilmington
- Samantha L'Esperance, of Wilmington
- Olivia Meier, of Wilmington
- Katelyn Otis, of Wil-

- mington
- Samantha Pitzzi, of Wilmington
- Meghan Rodenhiser, of Wilmington
- Ashley Warren, of Wilmington
- Samantha Alman, of Tewksbury
- Joseph Brown, of Tewksbury
- Nicholas Dunlap, of Tewksbury

- Alicia Moore, of Tewksbury
- Connor Nugent, of Tewksbury
- Estelle Penta, of Tewksbury
- Haley Pozzuto, of Tewksbury
- Jackson Spicer, of Tewksbury
- David Stein, of Tewksbury

History: The doctor next door

Dr. Harmon organized Wilmington's Board of Health

By LARZ F. NEILSON

When Wilmington adopted a new charter, the Town Manager Plan, in 1951, one major change was in the Board of Health. In the first half of the century, the board had consisted of the selectmen and the town doctor.

Even before a town manager was hired, the Board of Health was reorganized. Acting town manager Harry Deming appointed a three-man board. The chairman was Dr. Gaius Harmon, and Deming could not have picked a better man. Also on board were Charles Baldwin and Ralph Odiorne.

Dr. Harmon was a medical statistician, an expert in public health. He not only had advanced degrees, but he also had experience in running a public health department.

He was also a native of Wilmington, and he took

the position with no compensation.

Guy Nichols and Gaius Harmon grew up as next-door neighbors. You could say that the only thing that ever came between them was Wildwood Street. They were both born in 1887 on Middlesex Avenue, on opposite corners of Wildwood Street. Nichols, of course, lived in the funeral home that bears his name. Harmon was the son of Rev. Elijah Harmon, and lived in the parsonage.

Both received a medical degree, M.D., and yet neither went into medical practice. Nichols graduated from Tufts Medical College. In World War I, he served in a U.S. Army mobile hospital unit. At the time of his marriage in 1920, Nichols listed his profession as medical assistant. In 1931, he took over the family business, the funeral home.

The Harmon family mov-

ed out of Wilmington in 1900 when Gaius was 14. He received his M.D. degree from Harvard Medical School in 1909. He then studied public health at MIT. His Master's degree was one of only 15 signed by the presidents of both Harvard and MIT. The school became the Harvard School of Public Health after MIT dropped the program.

He also studied in England under Dr. Karl Pearson at University College in London. Dr. Pearson was a protege and biographer of Sir Francis Galton (1822-1911), a half-cousin of Charles Darwin, who developed the field of statistics.

Dr. Pearson, a mathematician and biostatistician, founded the first university statistics department in 1911.

Statistics — how often do we hear that they're useless? Well, the pandemic

shows exactly why they are important. Without statistics, how would anyone know that a disease was spreading?

Statistics, though, were often ignored, lost or not collected at all, until Galton began studying them in the 1860s.

Dr. Harmon taught medicine at Western Reserve University in Cleveland for 20 years, also teaching at Wayne University and the University of Chicago. Consulting with the Cleveland Public Health Dept., he did extensive work in the prevention of tuberculosis.

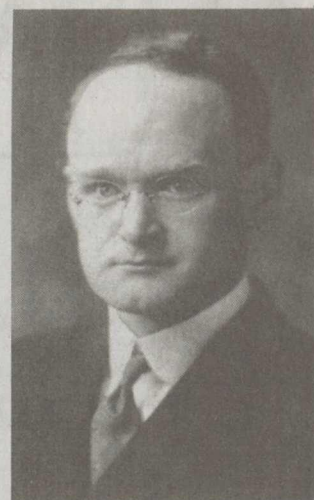
In 1934, he became the acting director of the Chicago Public Health Dept., consulting as epidemiologist and scientific advisor. Three years later, he took a similar position in Detroit, from which he retired in 1947.

Dr. Harmon returned to Wilmington, again becom-

ing Guy Nichols' next-door neighbor. He and Mrs. Mary Carey Harmon lived in the house that is now the Little Bookstore Next Door. Down the street, his niece, Dr. Miriam Hosmer had a medical practice for several years.

Dr. Harmon served as chairman during the board's organizational period. Meetings were held every week. The board implemented many new functions and stepped up existing ones, covering many things, from diseases to disposal of dumpings. There were inspections of food establishments. Septic regulations were adopted. Reports of communicable diseases were emphasized.

Dr. Harmon resigned after 15 months for reasons of his own health. That fall, he was appointed to a committee studying health plans for the

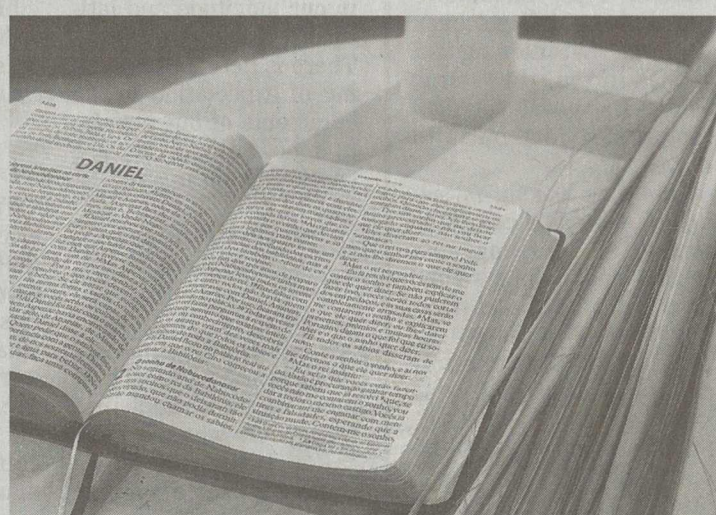
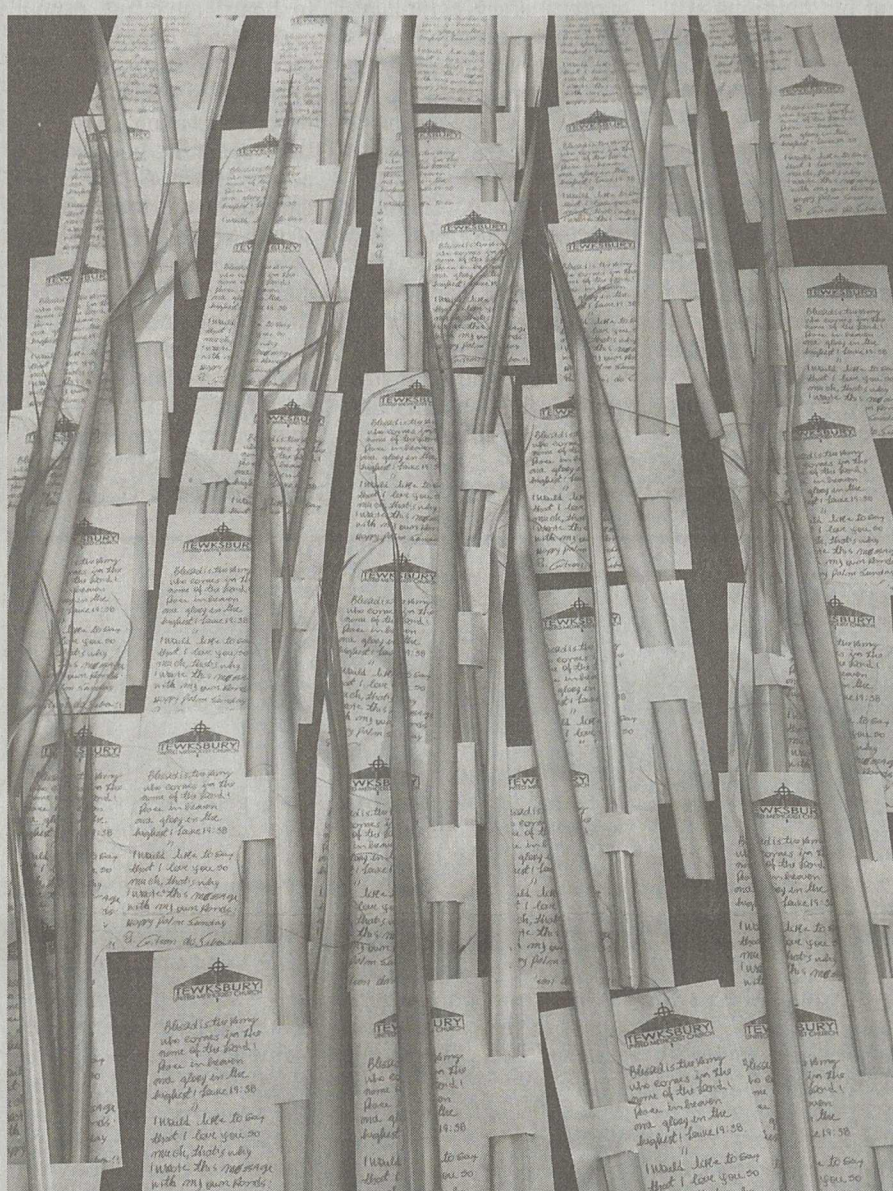


▲ DR. GAIUS HARMON

town. Two years later, he returned to the Board of Health, and in 1956 he again became chairman. His health again forced him to retire after three months.

Guy Nichols retired in 1959 and sold the funeral home, saying he did not want to have to bury old friends. It was a prophetic statement.

Two years later, in October 1961, his lifelong friend, Dr. Gaius Harmon passed through the doors of the funeral home.



Clockwise from left:
▲ Palms ready for delivery
▲ Blessing the palms
▲ Pastor Gilson de Silva
(Courtesy photos)

~Recycling
Tip
of the
Week~

REMINDER

Simple Recycling, the "pink bag" program, will not be collecting during the COVID-19 pandemic.

United Methodist Church celebrates Palm Sunday

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury United Methodist Church celebrated Palm Sunday separately together. Pastor Gilson de Silva blessed palms for distribution to the congregation.

Pastor de Silva and members of the Gen Girls, a women's organization at the church, delivered palms attached to a handwritten note to members of the congregation in Tewksbury, Wilmington, Billerica, Dracut and Methuen on Sunday.

"I felt it was important to reach out to our church

family with a personal message. I wanted them to know we are here for one another and that although we cannot meet at this time, we can and should remain connected through our faith and commitment to each other," said Pastor de Silva.

Gen Girl member Arlene King of Tewksbury delivered palms with her husband, Herb. When asked why it was important for her to be a part of today's celebration, she said, "I miss being together on Sundays. This is such a difficult time for so many.

I hope that today our members were reminded that they are in our thoughts and prayers."

Pastor de Silva and his wife Pastor Raquel de Silva continue to reach out and support the congregation through online worship, social media and personal telephone contact.

Tewksbury UMC is located at 2335 Main St., Tewksbury, MA, 01876. Once worship and events resume, information may be obtained from the office at 978-658-9551 or online at www.TewksburyUMC.com.

AdviniaCare of Wilmington
delays plans to open up beds
for COVID-19 patients

WILMINGTON — Pointe Group Care, LLC, operator of AdviniaCare at Wilmington, working in partnership with the Massachusetts Covid-19 Response Command Center and Partners HealthCare, announced that it will delay its plans to temporarily designate the 142-bed skilled nursing facility as a Covid-19 recovery building. Test results for those slated to leave the facility revealed that 51 out of 98 were positive for the illness, while asymptomatic.

The residents who have tested positive will be isolated from those who did not, and will receive the specialized care and support provided by staff and a team from Partners. Current staff at the facility will undergo testing as

well.

The facility has been aggressive in following all CDC and Mass. Department of Public Health guidance since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic.

"To say we are surprised by the findings would be an understatement," said Chris Hannon, Chief Operating Officer at Pointe Group Care. "Considering how aggressive we have been, this points to how insidious this virus is; we are fighting an invisible enemy. We are ensuring that residents with the illness get the specialized care and support that they need."

Pointe Group Care has been working in close partnership with the Massachusetts Covid-19 Response Command Center and Partners HealthCare

to plan the transition, in response to a request from the Commonwealth to do so.

"The testing protocol that was put in place at the facility prevented further spread of the disease," commented Chuck Tsun-Zhi Pu, MD, Medical Director, Population Health, Partners HealthCare. "It makes clear the challenging clinical circumstances that we are all operating under, and the important role that testing plays in battling this pandemic."

About Pointe Group Care, LLC
Pointe Group Care, LLC is a private, family-owned and locally managed senior living and rehabilitation provider based in Norwood. It operates eight senior care communities.



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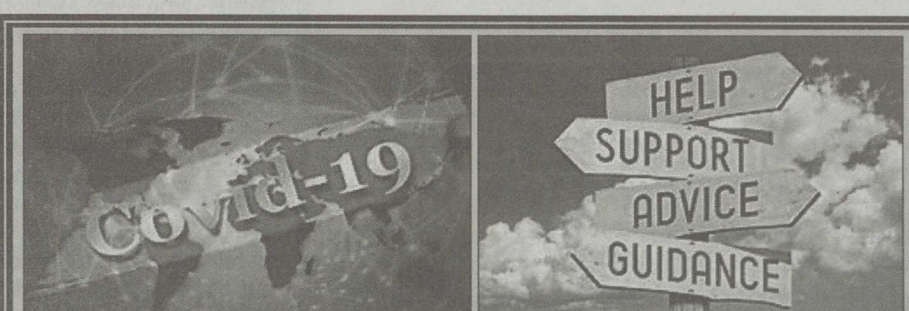
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or email nancy@wilmingtontewksburychamber.org for assistance.



Letters to the editor

Wilmington resident shares story of dealing with COVID

To the editor,

Yes, I look older than 45. I need a haircut, a beard trim and something done to the bushes above my eyes. But, this has been a crazy last 18 days. I share my story not for sympathy, but so that others can see what is going on out there and that you need to be your own advocate in order to keep yourself, your family and others safe from COVID.

It started with body aches, the type that felt like you just did a full body workout, but, let's be honest, does it look like I've done a full-body workout lately? The aches remained, no other symptoms. I went to work. I work with immunocompromised patients who are kidney transplant recipients. Great!

I saw two patients face-to-face less than seven days after their transplants, when they were most immunosuppressed. Body aches continued at home for three days. I told Betsy I had to be coming down with something, but had no other symptoms (this was over a weekend).

On Monday, I was to go to the hospital to have a discussion on whether or not I could work from home, as long as I was available for questions, clinical consults and virtual visits with patients. I had a low grade fever Monday morning and called into our meetings for work. I was to stay and work from home indefinitely and manage my patient load via computer, cellphone and ZOOM. Phew!

At least I was not going to the hospital anymore. I self-quarantined myself into one section of the house, away from Betsy and the kids. Used one bathroom. We are fortunate, we have a house big enough to accommodate this and allow me to separate myself from my family. This sucks!

I am supposed to protect my family from this (stuff), but I brought it home and there I was releasing something that could potentially infect my family. Great dad!

My hospital sent out lots of emails instructing those with symptoms (now body aches, fever and loss of smell — not such a bad thing being cooped up in the house with two boys, myself and two bulldogs!) to call occupational health and wait for instructions. Occupational health never picked up because they were inundated by phone calls.

I reached out to my PCP and he helped to organize me to get a COVID test. Two days later I went into the hospital to the outdoor tent set up to test at risk individuals. One nurse, two nasal swabs, a thank you for her service and I was on my way.

Negative results for flu A and B and other common viral pathogens came back

right away, but I was told to expect to wait 72 hours for COVID results. Lots of Tylenol for the fevers, but it did not touch the body aches.

I know I am not supposed to take Ibuprofen for fear of worsening respiratory symptoms, but it's the only thing that touched the body aches. Thursday night was the worst. I woke up at 4 a.m. and all my large joints (knees, hips, shoulders) ached. I couldn't get back to sleep. That morning as I walked down the stairs, slowly, Betsy was horrified that it hurt that much to move.

I am now looking myself up in the hospital computer system to see my test results and nothing. Four days had passed and nothing. Sunday morning, my fever broke. Sunday afternoon, the aches and pains went away. Thank God! Sunday night, my COVID test results come back negative. I was feeling better, but some respiratory symptoms set in with a cough and my chest feeling congested. What could this be if not COVID?

Tuesday night I could not stop coughing, sitting bolt upright in bed to help me breathe. The only time I felt like I lost my cool throughout this whole thing. I was not sick enough to warrant a trip to the hospital, but I felt if this got worse, I might have to get to the ED.

By Wednesday morning I felt much better, the cough was less, but I was mentally in a fog. Thursday, feeling much better, I fulfilled my obligation to the National Kidney Foundation, and gave an online lecture that was supposed to take place in New Orleans, LA, but was put online due to COVID.

I was a little out of it, but did not do too bad. I discharged a patient from the hospital, virtually, that day. I felt completely out of it with him. That sucks! They expect me to make them feel more comfortable with their medications, I could not really concentrate.

Friday, feeling better still, the cough is mostly gone, but I still cannot smell. I gave two lectures to ExpressScripts. The first was a disaster, as there were a ton of technical difficulties, including me dropping an F-bomb when I thought my phone dropped the conference call again. It did not, but my participants enjoyed the distraction (at least that is what they told me).

The second lecture was much better. Did two virtual discharges early Friday afternoon. I felt like I did much better. Joined a conference call from work and one of our ID colleagues let us know how bad things were. Talking with colleagues, I find out my COVID test had a 30 percent false negative rate. I bet I have it. I'm willing to bet any sum, but the hospital says I'm negative and I am just glad I am feeling

By **PAUL J. ANDREWS**
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Mass. Ass'n. of School Superintendents
Member of Board of Winchester Hospital

Just made my late day tour of the Town Crier communities and some conclusions that I reached after seeing them is that we have many medical tents ready at our hospitals, several "stay at home folks" but also many walkers, with mostly couples getting the air, numerous bike riders and an observation that wearing face masks is not in vogue yet.

This was the first day of what is predicted to be the first of two of the most serious weeks for us in our longitude and latitude for the coronavirus. There is definitely a feeling of expectation in the comments of our population, however, as they are cautiously optimistic.

Medical staff and first responders

I have to give widespread praise again to all members of the local hospital officials and first responders who put their safety on the line every time as I hear a siren or

passing ambulance. Being involved for 30 years with Winchester Hospital and later the Lahey Health Board, I can say with great confidence that we in our area are so well covered by doctors, nurses and all other medical staff who take their positions so seriously and put their lives on the line for us in these horrible days, facing a virus that we do not know a great deal.

First responders of fire, police and EMT's just give me a great sense of confidence as they arrive at a place of residence or work, knowing just a brief explanation of the problem they are facing but launch into locations they were called with a vibrant but cautious attitude and optimistic goal of getting a patient the help that is needed.

Doctors day

Within recent days several hospitals held a day that occurs every year to honor our physicians but this year was muted by what is going on in our world of the coronavirus.

Usually, the day is simple in an early morning coffee and fruit cup marked by a gathering in

a conference room for some discussion among physicians and hospital leaders and usually some levity and remembrances of those who retired. This year such activities for many hospitals will not happen as the pressures on our physicians and nurses are enormous.

(Let me add, there is also appropriately a well-deserved Nurses Day celebrated as there should be.)

My new national hero

Dr. Anthony Fauci is my newest hero who I attempt to hear each day as I feel I get the "facts" on what is going on with this virus-filled world and can express every complicated issue around this virus with clarity, magnifying his comments with graphs and clear explanations. A New York trained physician and long time Washington DC government official, Dr. Fauci just provides the facts with sincerity and clarity.

From my informal poll, many American people feel the same as I do and take his instructions like many of us did from our parents.

JUST A NOTE AND

SOME Morning Pulse extractions: First thank you for your many comments on last week's column but may I suggest that our churches and hospitals are financially suffering and urge all to make contributions to the church or hospital of your choice as in both of these cases, their expenditures are increasing and income decreasing. For those able to do so, please make a donation in this incredible time.

Some Morning Pulse extractions for the many of you who enjoy these include the following: Remember the importance of the blood donation centers to collect plasma from COVID-19 survivors; There is no good reason to hoard anything, especially food; Boeing to offer early retirement buy-outs due to virus; Majority of Americans have cut their spending because of corona; Ford, GE Healthcare team up to produce 50,000 ventilators in Michigan; Amazon workers strike over virus protection; Consumer confidence nosedives; Eggs and orange juice are the best performing assets this year; and Housing market seeing impacts from coronavirus.

Book Stew Review

'There There' by Tommy Orange

By **EILEEN MACDOUGALL**

The novel's title comes from Gertrude Stein's often misinterpreted line about Oakland, CA ("There is no there there"), where the novel is set.

The characters, both knowingly and unknowingly related, are all Native Americans heading for the first Great Big Powwow at the Oakland Coliseum. It's

an exploration of urban Indians, people who are seemingly invisible to the gentrifying city population.

The author tells their stories in the rich, truthful voices of those who either know or can only guess at their oppressive history, their decimated relationships with the land and with the murderers of their ancestors.

Quotes: "He probably used the Stein quote at dinner parties and made

other people like him feel good about taking over neighborhoods they wouldn't have had the guts to drive through 10 years ago."

"Only those who have lost as much as we have see the particularly nasty slice of smile on someone who thinks they're winning when they say, 'Get over it.'"

"We get used to everything to the point that we even get used to getting used to everything."

RMLD offers payment plan for those affected by virus

To the editor,

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OBITUARIES

Deborah (Manson) Fitzgerald

Avid knitter who could 'whip up' anything

Deborah (Manson) Fitzgerald, age 84, a life-long resident of Wilmington, passed away on April 1, 2020, at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington.

Deborah was born in Winchester, on Aug. 16, 1935; she was the cherished daughter of Spurgeon and Bertha Manson. Deborah was raised and educated in Wilmington and a graduate of Wilmington High School with the Class of 1953.

Deborah married James Fitzgerald on Jan. 10, 1959; the couple bought their home on Marion Street in Wilmington where they raised their three children: Karen, Donna and Michael.

Deborah, according to her children, was an "amazing mother" — she was devoted, loving, supportive and fun to be around. When Deborah became "Nanny" to her grandchildren — Heather, Justin, Brianna, Cheyenne — and "Great-Grammy" to her baby Michael — her world became even brighter; she treasured the time she spent with them and hardly ever missed a special occasion, school event or sporting event that they were involved in.

Deborah was an AVID knitter; she could "whip up" just about anything

with her knitting needles: hats, mittens, sweaters, blankets, you name it she could figure out a way to make it. Deborah's creations made countless gifts for her family and friends to cherish because they were not only made with her hands but they were made out of her love for everyone.

Deborah, along with her husband and friends, enjoyed going on countless Wilmington Recreation trips throughout the years; she especially enjoyed "trying her luck" at their Foxwoods excursions.

Deborah will be fondly remembered for her unconditional love and devotion for her family and friends; they were her world and she will forever be in their hearts.

Deborah was the beloved wife of James F. Fitzgerald, devoted mother of Karen Roberts & her husband Kenneth of Wilmington, Donna Fuchs and Michael Fitzgerald both of Tewksbury.

Loving "Nanny" of Heather & Michael MacMillian, Justin & Hannah Roberts, Brianna Fuchs, Cheyenne Fuchs and great-grandmother of Michael MacMillian.

Cherished daughter of the late Spurgeon and Bertha (Jakobsen) Man-



son, dear sister of the late S. David Manson, Jr. and Donald Manson, sister-in-law of Patricia Manson and Marie Manson.

Deborah is also survived by her nieces, nephews and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Deborah's memory may be made to the Joslin Diabetes Center, One Joslin Place, Boston, MA 02215.

Due to the current situation of the coronavirus and for the safety of everyone, the Fitzgerald family has chosen to have a private service at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home, Wilmington, MA.

www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Mary A. (Barry) McGrain

Medical assistant at Pediatricians Inc.

Mary A. (Barry) McGrain, age 78, of Tewksbury, passed away on April 5, 2020, at Advinia Care in Wilmington.

Mary was born in Cambridge on Feb. 7, 1942; she was the cherished daughter of the late John M. and Grace P. (O'Donnell) Barry.

Mary was raised and educated in Cambridge; she was a graduate of St. Mary's High School. Mary went on to further her education by attending Chandler's Secretarial School and earning her degree in medical assisting.

Mary was set up on a date with Robert McGrain; the two had a long-distance relationship, became engaged and married at St. Agnes Church on April 22, 1972. The couple settled Maryland in 1972 where they raised their three children: John, Robert and Maureen.

The family lived in Maryland until 1997 when, after all her children were out of high school, moved back to Massachusetts to be closer to her brothers and sisters.

Family was everything to Mary; she was very dedicated to raising her children, following their sports and supporting their interests. She spent endless days watching soccer, baseball, and wrestling.

When Mary became "Nana" to Katie, Emily, Kelly, Makayla and Ethan, her

world was even brighter; she enjoyed spending time with each of them and spoiling them whenever she could.

Mary loved spending summers at the Barry family summer home in Green Harbor with her family and friends. She was also an avid Red Sox fan and enjoyed watching them play.

Mary was a hard worker; for many years she was a medical assistant for Pediatricians Inc. where she treated her co-workers and patients like family. Mary was also a crossing guard for Running Brook Elementary School and secretary for a computer company; she was always busy doing something.

Mary will be fondly remembered for her unconditional love and devotion to her family and friends; she will be forever in their hearts.

Mary was the beloved wife of the late Robert McGrain, devoted mother of John McGrain of Nashua, NH, Robert McGrain and his wife Barbara Ann of Forest Hills, MD and Maureen Melanson & her husband Peter of Tewksbury.

Loving "Nana" of Katie, Emily, Kelly, Makayla and Ethan. Dear sister of John Barry and his wife Judith of Green Harbor, Thomas Barry and his wife Linda of Westford, Anna Kilfoyle and her



husband Kenneth of Burlington, the late Katherine Barry and Grace Barry.

Mary is also survived by 15 nieces and nephews as well as many grand-nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02454 or online through act.alz.org.

Due to the current situation of the coronavirus and for the safety of everyone, the McGrain family has chosen to have a private service at this time. A Memorial Mass and Celebration of Mary's life will be held at a later date, please follow our website for updated information.

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Lisa Jean Gerrior

Donations to Lexington House or NuPath

Lisa Jean Gerrior, age 52, of Lexington, formerly of Wilmington, passed away on April 2, 2020.

Lisa was the cherished daughter of Geraldine (Lucey) Gerrior of Reading and the late John F. Gerrior, Jr., dear sister of John F. Gerrior, III and his wife Kamryn of Danville, CA, loving aunt of Tyler, Kelsey and Carson Gerrior, niece of David Lucey of FL, Denis and Pamela Gerrior of Billerica, Janice & Michael Forrest of North Reading and Vicki Graff of Merrimack.

Lisa is also survived by

many loving cousins. She was very special to her extended family at the Lexington House and NuPath in Woburn. Lisa's family will forever be grateful for their love and compassion.

At the family's request, all funeral services for Lisa will be private.

Memorial donations in Lisa's name may be made to the Lexington House, 76 Concord Ave., Lexington, MA 02421 or to the NuPath Program, 147 New Boston Street, Woburn, MA 01801.

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neral Home, Inc., Wilmington, MA.

John R. Ricci, Sr.

US Air Force veteran during Korean War

John R. Ricci, Sr., age 88, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away on April 5, 2020.

John is the beloved husband of the late Lillian "Evelyn" (DeLoreto) Ricci, devoted father of Lisa Strainge and her husband Scott of Tewksbury and John R. Ricci, Jr. of Gardner, loving "Papa" of Stephanie Strainge, Lauren Strainge,

Benjamin Strainge, Matthew Ricci, the late John R. Ricci, III and the late William Ricci, cherished son of the late Patrick and Agnes (Robinson) Ricci, and dear brother of the late Kenneth Ricci.

At the family's request, Funeral Services for John are private.

Memorial donations in John's name may be made to the Bedford Veterans Hospital Memory Diagnostic Clinic, 200 Springs

Road, GRECC (182B), Bedford, MA 01730.

John was a U.S. Air Force Veteran who proudly served during Korea. He was also the owner and operator of Lakeside Exxon in Wakefield for more than 30 years.

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Nancy M. (Budd) Kelley

Avid quilter who also loved to garden

Nancy M. (Budd) Kelley, age 75, of Wilmington, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her loving family on April 3, 2020.

Nancy was born on March 26, 1945 in Cambridge; she was the dear daughter of the late Malcolm and Aline Budd.

Nancy's family moved to Wilmington when she was a young girl; she attended Wilmington Public School and was a graduate of Wilmington High School with the Class of 1962.

In 1965, Nancy married "her sweetheart since the 8th grade" Arthur "Artie" Kelley. Nancy and Artie worked hard throughout their lives and raised three wonderful children.

Nancy always showered her family with unconditional love and devotion. The family had lots of fun throughout the years; they went on many vacations, celebrated lots of holidays and special occasions together and made countless memories to be treasured. Nancy especially enjoyed doting on her grandchildren whom she adored.

Nancy and Artie had a great relationship and looked forward to the time they spent together; they enjoyed taking long rides

along the coast and through the mountains in their convertible. Nancy was always up for whatever Artie wanted to do; he was truly the "love of her life."

Nancy was very talented in many aspects; she was an AVID quilter, talented crafter who was always making something for someone, she had a "green thumb" when it came to gardening and she created beautiful flower gardens throughout her yard, she was an excellent bookkeeper for the family business and a wonderful homemaker.

Nancy will be fondly remembered as an amazing lady, very classy and with a huge heart. Nancy would go out of her way to help others and was always there for her family, friends and neighbors. Nancy will be forever in the hearts of those she loved.

Nancy was the beloved wife of Arthur T. Kelley, devoted mother of David Kelley and his wife Lori of Oxford, PA, Daniel Kelley & his girlfriend Tracy Flickinger of Kennebunk, ME and Lynn Kelley and her fiancé Scott Halliday of Wilmington.

Loving grandma of Adam and Sarah Kelley, cherished daughter of the late



Malcolm and Aline (Dufresne) Budd, dear sister of the late Paul Budd and Kenny Budd.

Nancy is survived by several brothers and sisters-in-law, many nieces, nephews and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Nancy's memory may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Due to the current situation with the coronavirus and for the safety of everyone, the Kelley family has decided to have a private service at this time.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home, Wilmington, MA.

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Calendar of known 2020 elections and town meetings

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Annual town election
Annual Town Meeting
Special Town Meeting
Annual Town Meeting reconvenes
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Special Town Meeting
State election

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Saturday, May 16, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Monday, June 1, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 3, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, June 3, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 1, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Tuesday, October 6, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, November 3, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

City Nature Celebration 2020

TEWKSBURY — Explore the many treasures of nature in your own backyard and join the 2020 City Nature Celebration!

The City Nature Celebration is an international effort for people to find and document plants and wildlife in cities across the globe.

Participation is easy — simply download the free iNaturalist app from the AppStore or Google Play.

Take pictures of plants, animals and insects living around you and post to the app between April 24 - 27.

During the identification period (April 28 - May 3), scientists and other experts will provide feedback to help identify the various species you have posted.

To learn more, visit: <https://citynaturechallenge.org/participate/> or https://www.tewksbury-ma.gov/sites/tewksburyma/files/uploads/city_nature_celebration_2020_0.pdf

This is a great outdoor activity for nature enthusiasts, families or anyone who wants to learn about the species living in Tewks-

bury!

Covid-19

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Letters to the editor

Note to Parish of the Transfiguration families

To the editor,
It does not appear that the pandemic will be ending any time soon. As the pandemic continues, many families are facing some very uncertain times. There have been so many layoffs. With a layoff comes loss of income and a loss of health insurance.

Food insecurity is also growing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the people who are experiencing these adverse consequences of COVID-19. Our thoughts and prayers are also with all those infected with the COVID-19 virus. We pray for a speedy recovery.

At the parish level, we are continuing to minister to the sick and dying as well as burying the dead. We have taped the services for Holy Week, i.e., Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good

Friday and Easter. They will be broadcast on the Wilmington public cable channel, WCTV, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on the appropriate day (Comcast channel 9 and Verizon Channel 37). We will also put them on our website at www.parishofthetransfiguration.org and our Facebook page.

Father Anda has placed the daily Mass on our website. He is much more tech savvy than me. I appreciate his efforts to put the Holy Week services on our website and Facebook. I also want to acknowledge Jim Buckley's assistance in taping the Holy Week services for broadcast on the Wilmington cable channel.

Our Faith Formation staff is sending out an email blast to all our faith formation families with suggestions for family activities and the latest news about

our Confirmation and First Communion Masses. Since the Governor has banned large gatherings until May 4, the Confirmation Masses scheduled for the end of April will not occur. They will be rescheduled.

However, I do not have any information about rescheduling. We have also postponed the First Communion Masses scheduled for May 2. Faith Formation will be in touch about rescheduling the May 2 First Communions.

We have NOT postponed the First Communion Masses scheduled for May 9. We are waiting to see what the Governor decides.

Finally, I want to say a word about finances. First, I want to thank those who dropped off their envelopes or mailed them in. That was a help. Since our revenue from the offertory

collection is off significantly, we are in rough financial shape.

I would ask that all those who are in a financial position to mail in their envelopes, please do so. Parishioners may also donate via our Online Giving link on our website at www.parishofthetransfiguration.org. I am hoping to avoid laying off staff, curtailing services or closing buildings. With your continued support, we can weather this unprecedented event.

Again, please be assured of our prayers for your continued well-being as well as for those you love. Stay safe.

Practice physical distancing.

Reverend Phillip Earley,
Pastor
Parish of the Transfiguration

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Can you help? List of supplies, materials needed

To the editor,
Massachusetts is strong. Why? Because of our citizens. In case you missed his recent address, Governor Charlie Baker and his team of experts announced that they believe mid-April will be the peak of our expected viral wave. This will stress our hospital systems in ways that we've never before experienced.

Luckily for Massachusetts, we have the absolute best of the best when it comes to doctors, nurses, and first responders. However, we have a need to arm these individuals with the tools they need to keep us all healthy and safe.

According to MEMA the following manufacturing capabilities are being sought, with specific subcat-

egories or types below, in order to provide our health care networks with the tools and materials they need.

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- Melt-blown fabric production
- Spunbond fabric production

- Mask conversion machinery

If you do not have access to these machines but have experience in the following materials or production of materials you can still help as well.

- Rigid polymers
- Flexible polymers (elastomers, rubber)
- Metals
- Glass
- Woven fabrics
- Non-woven fabrics (meltblown)
- Non-woven fabrics (spunbond)

In addition, the Commonwealth asks those with or who are aware of locations with sterilization equipment types including Gamma, Electron Beam, Ethylene Oxide and more or TSI-8130/TSI-8130a or similar media-testing appara-

tus to please immediately provide your contact information for assistance.

Lastly, there is also need for anyone with experience and capacity regarding the fabrication of electronic components, such as PCBs, arduinos, cabling, etc.

If you fit any of these categories and want to aid the effort, alongside our doctors, nurses, and EMTs, please reach-out so that you can be coordinated. COVID-19 is a serious threat to public health — but together we can be just as serious in our response.

One day soon, Massachusetts will look back with pride at what we all did to create light in a very dark time.

State Representative
David Robertson

Frontline workers help keep Lazarus House shelter open

LAWRENCE — If gratitude can help calm fear, the frontline workers at the Lazarus House emergency Shelter are rewarded each day for the peril of leaving their homes. In the midst of the pandemic, they are anxiously trying to keep it open for the families and individuals for whom it is their only sanctuary.

"The guests at the shelter don't have people they can rely on. A lot of the people don't have anyone else in the world. Their fear is, 'If I lose Lazarus House, where will I go?'" said Almarie Silverman, Director of Advocacy, who

especially worries about a woman who is nine months pregnant.

Another staff member working to keep it open is Carmen Vega, Shelter Program Director, who comes in each day feeling her family's worry she will bring COVID-19 home. She only recently was able to wear a mask.

"We didn't have masks, so I felt it wasn't fair if I was wearing a mask and my staff could not," Vega said.

Vega said the shelter "smells like bleach," as the staff and shelter guests thoroughly follow the protocol — taking precautions of social distancing, wear-

ing masks and regularly disinfecting common areas. They all know that does not completely eliminate the risk, but they all keep doing it to make sure they can stay at the only place they have left.

"It's scary. I am a woman of faith, so I pray and ask God to cover me," said Vega. "My family would wish that I wouldn't come in, but this is my job. This is what I love to do."

"Our staff really cares about what they do, they are feeling torn between the health concerns they have for themselves and their families, and the sense of calling and duty to care for the guests in our charge," said Jeff Hassel, Executive Director of the Merrimack Valley non-profit.

Guests at the shelter are staying in their rooms when possible, coming down mostly for designated mealtimes to aid in physical distancing, knowing that just one case of COVID-19 could force the staff into quarantine and threaten operations.

"Families with fear about having nowhere to go are willing to do anything to keep us open, and have been sweeping, keeping it clean, keeping us open," said Silverman.

The staff can no longer pray side-by-side with guests or continue to develop more personal relationships as they are accustomed to — it's difficult from six-feet away.



▲ Carmen Vega wearing a mask

However, everyone at the shelter is motivated by the children who help answer the question of why they continue to face the danger and come in.

"The kids are amazing, they're grateful, they always say thank you for being here," said Silverman.

"There is a lot of joy still in the work," said Hassel. "I spent the day at the shelter and during lunch the kids were singing a children's song. So, in the crisis, life goes on. Kids still sing, kids still play. Moms still take care of their kids."

ABOUT

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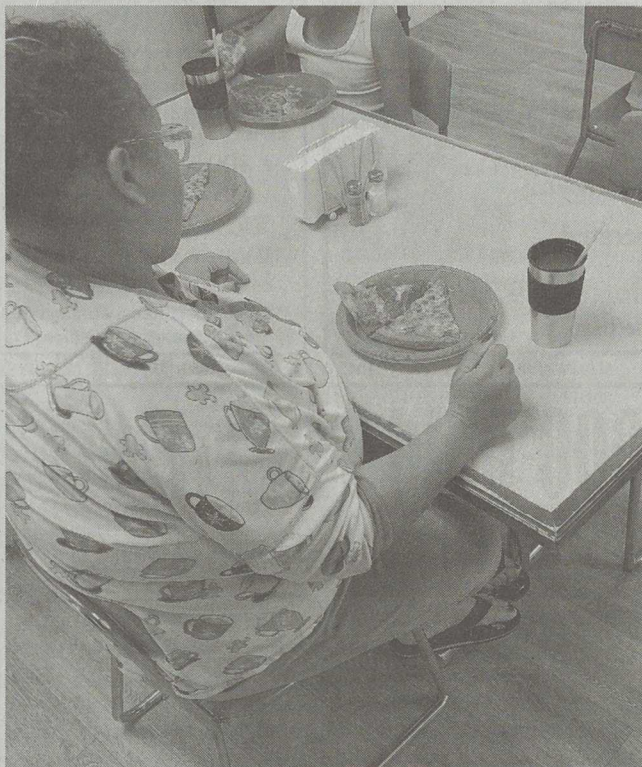
▲ Receiving Amazon deliveries at the shelter

- Nourishment, through daily served meals (150) and weekly groceries (800+ families).
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- Comfort, through advocacy and case management and highly affordable clothing, housewares, and furniture at our thrift store locations. Holiday

gifts and food boxes for 700+ families through our Project Bethlehem and Giving Tree programs.

- Dignity, through preparation to earn a living wage in our vocational training in sewing and culinary arts (with paid internships and ServSafe Certificate program)

Lazarus House serves over 25,000 households annually.



▲ Pizza lunch at the shelter

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Local businesses, elderly services helping seniors

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"The care packages started because we were trying to think of a way to let people know that we're here," Marciello told the *Lowell Sun*, adding the packages became a hit.

With the business community stepping up, it made it easier for Marciello and her team to assist seniors stuck at home.

"We obviously want to make sure we take care of our seniors, they're an important part of this community," David Erickson, owner of AJ's Kitchen, told the *Sun*. "We want to make sure they're not overlooked."

Erickson's business prepared breakfast sandwiches for Marciello's team to delivery over the weekend.

Erickson said one of his employees started preparing the meals around 4 a.m. on Saturday. Later, more arrived to help get the food to Marciello while it was still hot.

The Elderly Services director praised her community for coming together in this time of need, noting how "everyone steps up to the plate."

She added how difficult things have been for seniors and those who use the services at the Buzzell Senior Center regularly. She said it's been very hard for them to deal with the sudden change.

Thankfully, when Wilmington comes together, everyone, as Marciello said, pitches in however possible. This includes WCTV who now broadcasts tai chi classes to follow at home.

Marciello also noted how seniors remain active by organizing walking groups (while being careful to maintain social distancing guidelines, obviously).

It's not just food and flowers and walking and tai chi, of course. That's all helpful and good, but that goes away. Food gets eaten and flowers wilt, walks come to an end, as does doing tai chi.

One thing that lasts, though, is a personal note or a card. Therefore, Marciello has teamed up with We're One Wilmington, the United Methodist Church and high school English teacher Lisa Disberg to help run a program called Happiness is a Card.

People can make cards and drop them off at the senior center so staff can mail them to senior residents.

When you combine that initiative with food and flowers, you get the full experience of gratitude and love.

This is where Designs by Don comes in: the company's wholesaler had an excess of tulips and the stores owners, Kat Strazzeri and Megan Abbasciano, decided to donate them to the senior center in Wilmington, as well as other senior centers nearby.

"It's such a small gesture that can go so far," Strazzeri told the *Sun*. "Especially when you have flowers in your space it really does change that space (and) keep people optimistic. There's so much negativity it's just a little ray of hope."

And what person, no matter how old, couldn't use some of that.



Long wait for a caffeine rush

Waving from her car, Kayleigh and her friends wait in a long line of close to 40 cars at Starbucks in Wilmington Saturday afternoon. (Photo: Bruce Hilliard.com)

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STORAGE AUCTION

Crystal Warehouse Corporation: Announcing a sale in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 106, §4, for non-payment of storage charges and for the purpose of satisfying the warehouseman's lien thereon, the following various products used in the production of beer and hard cider including pallets of flavored seltzer spirits and equipment used in the manufacturing of beer and hard cider, including tanks and other related equipment will be sold at auction to the highest bidder. The sale will take place at 25 Industrial Way, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01867 via on-site auction May 1, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. commercial goods and property held for the accounts of Liquid Collective LLC, d/b/a Drink Design. 200389 4/8, 15/20

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
WILMINGTON TOWN HALL
121 GLEN ROAD
WILMINGTON, MA 01887

INVITATION

TURF MANAGEMENT SERVICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Town of Wilmington, MA invites proposals for Turf Management Services. The contract will cover a three-year period, FY 2021 through FY 2023.

This procurement is being solicited under the provisions of MGL Chapter 30B as amended.

Proposals may be submitted by mail to the Town Manager at the above address. All proposals must be received **BEFORE 10:00 A.M. ON APRIL 28, 2020.**

Proposal Documents containing Specifications, Requirements, and Conditions may be obtained at the Town's website: <http://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department> or by emailing wmartiniello@wilmingtonma.gov.

Technical questions pertaining to the proposal should be directed to the DPW Operations Manager, Jamie Magaldi at 978-658-4481.

The Town of Wilmington specifically reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to award or not to award the contract, for any reason the Town Manager determines to be in the Town's best interest.

Four (4) copies of the technical proposal shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Turf Management Services for Town of Wilmington - Non-Price Proposal" and one (1) copy of the price proposal shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Turf Management Services for Town of Wilmington - Price Proposal".

Technical Proposals and Price Proposals must be separately sealed to be considered eligible.

Jeffrey M. Hull,
Town Manager
200384 4/8/20



LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on April 27, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. on an application filed by Kazanjian Enterprises, Inc. on behalf of MIT, LLC for a Site Plan Special Permit to construct a 4,294 SF retail building with associated parking area, utilities, and stormwater management system as shown on plans filed with this Board. The hearing will be conducted via WebEx and will be available for viewing on the following cable public access channels: Verizon Channel 33 and Comcast Channel 99. The public will be able to participate by calling 978-771-0819.

Said property is located at 2512 Main Street, Assessor's Map 94, Lot 65, zoned Commercial.

The application may be examined one the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chairman
200387 4/8, 15/20

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SPECIAL PERMIT FAMILY SUITE

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on April 27, 2020 at 7:05 P.M. on an application filed by Paul J. and Mary Lynne Finsel Family Trust for a Family Suite Special Permit under Section 3400 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw for a family suite not to exceed 1,000 square feet as shown on plans filed with this Board. The hearing will be conducted via WebEx and will be available for viewing on the following cable public access channels: Verizon Channel 33 and Comcast Channel 99. The public will be able to participate by calling 978-771-0819.

Said property is located at 147 Lowe Street, Assessor's Map 100, Lot 24, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chairman
200388 4/8, 15/20

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a virtual public hearing on April 15, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. on an application filed by Adam Goldberg, Seerfried Properties, for a Notice of Intent as shown on plans filed with this Commission. The applicant is proposing to construct a new warehouse facility, guardhouse, and concrete pads, reconfigure existing parking lots and associated access roads, and construct stormwater improvements. Proposed work is located within the buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands, and within an isolated freshwater wetland. The hearing will be conducted via WebEx and will be available for viewing on the following cable public access channels: Verizon Channel 33 and Comcast Channel 99. The public will be able to participate by calling 978-771-0819.

Said property is located at 495 Woburn Street Assessor's Map 1 Lot 1 & 40 Discovery Way Assessor's Map 1 Lot 3.

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stefania Gallo
Conservation Agent/
Planner
200386 4/8/20

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI20P1594EA

Estate of:
Joan D. Kritter
Date of Death: 12/19/2019

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Eugene L. Kritter of Wilmington MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Eugene L. Kritter of Wilmington MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI20P1425EA

Estate of:
Winifred Margaret Barry
Also Known As:
Winifred M. Barry
Date of Death:
December 14, 2019

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Kathleen M. Barry of Wilmington MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Kathleen M. Barry of Wilmington MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve with surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

200383 4/8/20

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/28/2020.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 31, 2020
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
200390 4/8/20

Seven students make Dean's List at Emmanuel College

BOSTON — In honor of their outstanding academic achievement, Emmanuel College has named more than 800 students to the Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester.

Local students earning Dean's List honors include:

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- Tristyn Surprenant
- Carly Silva
- Theodore Miele
- Charlotte Sulick
- Jillian Pino
- Julia Burke
- Jill Roche

Selectmen in support of new housing project

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the letter of approval, the agreement will then be brought before the ZBA, which has the power to issue a comprehensive permit. It also must be brought before the local conservation commission.

"So a lot more meetings and process to go," Gingrich said.

Andrew Chaban, of Princeton Properties, LLC, was also on the call to take questions from the board. He praised the town officials involved in the negotiations.

"They have been cooperative, they have been available, they have been tough but fair," said Chaban. "The development agreement I think covers exactly what attorney Silverstein laid out to the board."

Selectman Kevin Cairra asked if limitations posed by the COVID-19 closures would have an impact on the MassWorks grant.

"With the uncertainty that's going on, will that delay you?" Cairra asked.

"I don't believe that these are re-allocatable monies," Chaban responded, noting that he did not foresee a see change in the project timeline.

Selectman Jonathan Eaton praised the substation funding, and asked about ensuring the town reaches the 10 percent state mandate of affordable housing inventory.

"The inclusion of \$250,000 towards the construction of a north Wilmington substation is, I think, a very significant benefit to the town," Eaton said.

Gingrich noted that, based on calculations from the previous year, the town needs 60 affordable units

to reach the state requirement. She noted that the 108 planned in this project would allow a "buffer."

McCoy expressed concern about the location chosen, at the corner of Middlesex Avenue and Jefferson Road, and the proposed 4-floor structure.

"I'm not against affordable housing coming into town," he said, suggesting that he would prefer the Ballardvale area. "I don't believe it's harmonious to the neighborhood, in that area."

Selectman Jomarie O'Mahony, and chair Bendel both spoke in support of the project.

"I support giving (Chaban) the opportunity to get through all the different hoops that he now has to get it through," O'Mahony said.

"I think this is a great opportunity to get some more affordable housing into the community, and really work with a developer and have some say, for the community, unlike what potentially could happen to us where we have no say in what happens in a project," added Bendel.

Town Manager Jeff Hull added that it was wise to not delay the project for two reasons. He noted that, in agreement with Bendel's comment, a delay in adding more affordable housing could force the town into a "less friendly 40B" agreement, in which the town would have a developer potentially imposed upon it by the state to add more housing.

He also noted that further delays would potentially create logistical difficulties for Princeton Properties.

We're going on a bear hunt



▲ Bill O'Brien with his tractor and Teddy Bear — something for the kids to see as they pass by his farm on the Wilmington - North Reading line.

► Wilmington residents participate in Teddy Bear Hunt. As you drive around town see how many Teddy Bears you can find.

▼ Wilmington residents have been placing Teddy Bears in their windows for children to "hunt" from cars during the COVID-19 lockdown.

(photos: BruceHilliard.com)



Wife asking residents to stay inside for husband

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berg could become infected.

Previously, the Bamberg family asked residents to perform random acts of kindness in an effort called "Pete's Sake." Now, because they are quarantined inside their New Hampshire home, they're asking residents to stay inside, as well.

Bamberg has left the home on two occasions for blood work, but fortunately, thanks to the kindness of his community, he's been protected. Members have donated masks for both Peter and his family.

Friends and family have also stepped up to make grocery store and pharmacy runs.

His wife, Katie Bamberg, said they've even disinfected the products before they drop them off.

Speaking to WMUR in New Hampshire, she talked about how stressful her family's new reality is, especially when combined with Peter's diagnosis.

"You can imagine that

going into this, we already had some anxiety," she confessed to the station.

While she admits staying at home has been difficult, especially for an active family, she stressed how they're doing it for Peter and hope others will, too.

"He is everything to us," she said about her husband, "and if you followed our story in the fall, one of the things that I kept saying was, 'Let's be kind and help everybody out,' and so now, be kind and stay home for Pete's sake, because he's one of the one's that you're helping when you do stay home."

Unfortunately, Peter has to make more trips to the hospital and with new COVID-19 restrictions in place, he'll have to do it alone.

But, even though it will be difficult, Katie says if he can do it alone, people can take these social-distancing guidelines and recommendations seriously and help save lives.

Do it for Pete's sake, literally.

COVID-19 forcing changes to spring dates

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Meeting warrant be posted with expectation that a notation or a document describing the change in the election date would be appended to the warrant itself.

"It was decided that we would decouple, or bifurcate, our town warrant," Peterson stated.

As such, the annual Town Meeting warrant articles will be posted, as if the meeting were proceeding on May 2. The meeting, however, will be postponed tentatively until May 30. The Town Meeting warrant would typically include the election warrant. However, in light of recent events, decoupling these warrants will allow the town more flexibility in rescheduling the election.

Peterson also added that the town will monitor news from the CDC and Governor Charlie Baker's office to determine whether May 30 will be a safe date for the town to gather.

"If we need to further delay the Town Meeting, we have the mechanism to do just that", he noted.

According to Town Clerk Christine Touma-Conway, the election warrant cannot be posted until a date has been set.

"We don't really know when we should even think about having an election," she said.

The date of the new election must be decided at least 20 days in advance. Once it is decided, the town plans to take steps to ensure citizens are made aware of the new date. These steps have not been explicitly decided, but will likely include some combination of internet posting, WCTV airtime, and potentially flyer delivery.

"These are untested waters so we know that we need to do as much advertising... as possible," Touma-Conway added.

She also added that early voting by mail is now being allowed by the state due to the pandemic. She noted that as soon as town offices reopen, staff will begin coordinating the delivery of paper ballots to residents in town, should they wish to continue to social distance themselves at that time.

Peterson thanked Town Counsel, Attorney Marc Rich from KP Law, for his assistance in the coordination of the warrant adjustments.

"He has been there every step of the way for us," he said.

Facebook group coming together for those in need

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homes."

When asked about goals and hopes for the group as a whole, the leader explained:

"The most important part of all of this is that we are all able to participate in something positive, show our appreciation for the hard workers who are out (working) and are essential, and we are sharing the love."

The Facebook Group is listed as "Wilmington Cares 2 (Not Affiliated W/CARES Childcare)" to further differentiate from the after school care group, Wilmington C.A.R.E.S.

On the page, volunteers can see the fruit of their labors, as essential worker community members share photos of the thank you cards they have received, along with words of kindness.

The common message in these cards reads: "Wilmington thanks you for all that you do!"

A sentiment many of these workers may need to hear after a long day or workweek, fearing the risk they put themselves at

each day.

The messages recipients put out are sentiments of gratitude and pride that they live in a community "that truly cares about people" as one post put it.

Acts of kindness are spreading in nearby towns as well, such as in Burlington where two college students sent a check to Weston Road Cafe to support the business where they have been frequent customers for years.

In Tewksbury, residents are hanging different decorations on their windows each week, such as paper handprints and hearts, so that parents can take kids on a drive-by scavenger hunt to see how many decorated windows they can find. Or, recently, a girl who was spending her birthday in isolation was surprised by a car parade from her friends and family, each car decked out with birthday signs and cheers.

A post on the Wilmington Cares Facebook group says it best:

"It is beautiful that no matter what goes on in the world, there are people who will display amazing acts of kindness."

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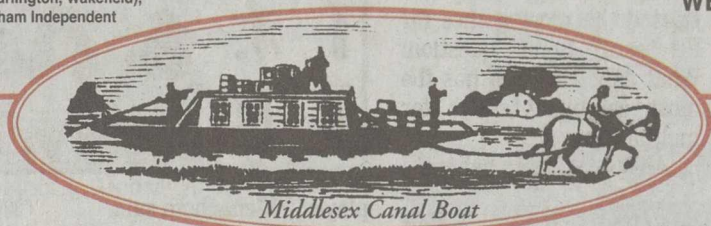
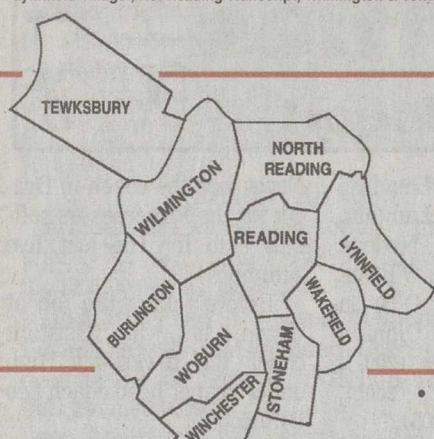
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600 units proposed at Reading line

BY PAT BLAIS

Considered a way to gauge the reaction of municipal officials and civic groups, plenty of builders test the waters by floating out redevelopment concept plans.

But when a Boston developer dipped its toes into the waters by the scenic shorefronts of Wakefield's Lake Quannapowitt, the firm's hypothetical housing project caught waves of cold splash back from guarded neighbors and residents.

Last month, Wakefield Town Council Chairman Edward Dombrowski confirmed rumors that Boston's Cabot, Cabot, & Forbes had recently pitched to a local advocacy group a 600-unit apartment and condominium redevelopment for the old Comverse Technology property at the head of Lake Quannapowitt by Route 128.

"This is the crown jewel of our town," said Dombrowski of Lake Quannapowitt, which even during the frigid winter months, draws scores of walkers and recreational users to the sidewalks and parkland spaces that wrap around its shores. "Mr. Maio and I raised all the issues that were obvious to us, so they're thinking early about things like traffic, project density, and building heights."

Though understanding the public outcry, Dombrowski and Town Administrator Stephen Maio, who had met days earlier with the current landowner to investigate growing rumors about the housing project, also repeatedly reminded

an apprehensive public that no formal plans have been submitted.

Perhaps more importantly, Maio was clear to stress one set of very pertinent facts: The Boston developer neither owns the 29-acres of land in question nor has come to any formal terms to acquire it.

"They don't even have anything under agreement, so this could really be nothing," later quipped Maio.

Under concept plans shown to area abutters and members of the non-profit Friends of Lake Quannapowitt group this winter, Cabot, Cabot, & Forbes is exploring a redevelopment of the sprawling Comverse Technology building that sits between the body of water and Route 128 by the Reading line.

Initial renderings included two proposed six-story apartment complexes and a five-story condominium building. A garage would wrap around all three of the housing structures, while nearly 1,000 parking spaces would be provided.

In total, up to 600 multi-family dwelling units were proposed.

According to Dombrowski and other Town Council members, in the weeks after those two private meetings, they had been inundated with calls from upset constituents.

"This property is not under agreement. So we have to keep that in mind," said Dombrowski. "But in light of the concerns people have raised, it's important to have a baseline understanding of what they're thinking...I see this as an opportunity for us as a town to encourage public outreach [from developers]."

"I've heard from folks in neighborhoods that would be highly impacted. [One person] called me screaming and yelling about it," later recounted Town Councilor Ann McGonigle Santos. "They should have involved the neighborhoods that would be most drastically impacted by this."

According to records from Wakefield's assessors office, the 29-acre parcel in question, situated at 200 Quannapowitt Way, was purchased a little over two years ago by Waterstone Wakefield LLC for \$15 million.

An offshoot of Needham's Waterstone Properties, whose portfolio mostly consists of medical and retail land holdings, the landowner approached Wakefield's Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) in the fall of 2019 for permission to convert the 250,000 square foot building into a marquee biotechnology and life sciences center.

As part of the pitch, the developer proposed installing a new glass-pannelled facade into the concrete office park, which dates back to 1958. The real-estate management company is still listing that redevelopment, dubbed Waterstone Place, as available for leasing.

Comverse Network Systems, an umbrella corporation of multinational telecommunications firm Comverse Technology, was the last major company to operate out of the Lake Quannapowitt office buildings.

Much of the corporation's holdings unraveled during a financial scandal in 2006 and the subsequent financial crisis of 2008, and the multinational business was ultimately spun off to other firms beginning in 2012.

Any proposal to convert the property into housing would have to head back before Wakefield's Zoning Board of Appeals.



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Movie Reviews & Box Office News Coffee & Kareem

LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

Your enjoyment of the new Netflix comedy "Coffee & Kareem" may depend on whether or not you find insanely vulgar middle schoolers funny. It's not just the cursing either. Oh no, this is a whole symphony of vulgarity that would make Seth Rogen blush.

"Coffee & Kareem" is one of those all-or-nothing comedies that has no boundaries or shame. It is intentionally dopey and looking to push all possible buttons.

And nothing is off the table — race, sexual orientation, police brutality. So there is probably no middle ground for satisfaction. It'll either work for you or it won't (although you might find a few laughs emerge in spite of yourself). But nothing in the film even comes close to matching the cheekily clever title.

Ed Helms plays an awkward but well-intentioned Detroit cop named James Coffee who has convinced Taraji P. Henson's Vanessa Manning to date him. Unfortunately for him, she has a

12-year-old son, Kareem (Terrence Little Gardenhigh), who is less than excited to welcome a new man into their lives.

So it comes as a surprise when Kareem requests that Coffee pick him up from school one day. Coffee thinks that he's just dropping him off at a friend's house, but Kareem intends to hand-deliver him to a local drug lord (RonReaco Lee) who he believes he's hired to take out his mom's new beau. That plan goes awry, however, and they witness the murder of a corrupt officer, kicking off a series of increasingly absurd events in this irreverent, gory, homophobic and expletive-laden riff on the buddy cop genre.

Directed by Michael Dowse ("Stuber") and written by Shane Mack (his first feature credit), "Coffee & Kareem" has a sweet premise at its core, with the two polar opposites tied together on a crazy quest, but it gets bogged down in its mission to shock and appall.

The 88-minute runtime starts to feel like an endless assembly line of uncouth jokes that end up having a numbing effect. One joke even includes a reference to Netflix documentaries, which definitely takes you out of the Netflix comedy you're currently watching and might even make you want to abandon ship and head over to the documentary section to see what's there.

The caliber of the cast is alluring, though, and may help hold interest longer than usual. Betty Gilpin (of "GLOW" and "The Hunt")

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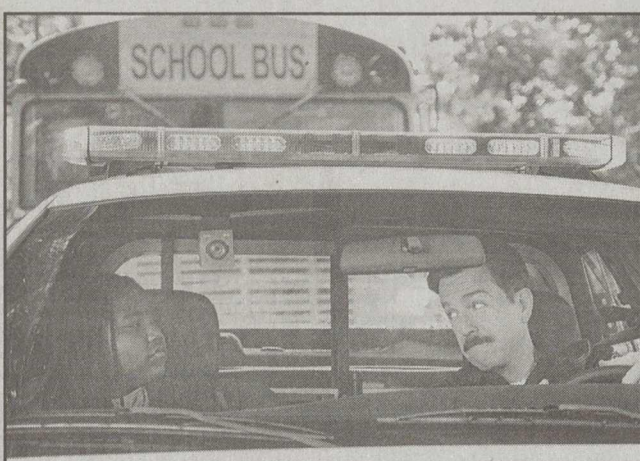
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TASTELESS JOKE OR COMEDY GEM? This image released by Netflix shows Terrence Little Gardenhigh, left, and Ed Helms in a scene from "Coffee & Kareem."

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Movie from B-1

does wonders with her role as a take-no-prisoners cop, managing to elevate even the crassest of material and make it palatable and even funny sometimes. And Gardenhigh is an appealing presence too, if only he got more to do than swear.

It's a strange time for a film like "Coffee & Kareem," but its retro tone-deafness might actually be a welcome distraction for some, either to get enraged by or for some laughs in the privacy of your own home. Although there is one pretty inspired chase in a roundabout.

Sound like a fun time in the living room? Cue it up. Or maybe it sounds like something that might require some expensive virtual therapy sessions should someone too young or possessing a different sense of humor drop in at the wrong moment.

"Coffee & Kareem," a Netflix release, has not been rated by the Motion Picture Association of America but, trust us, it's an R. Running time: 88 minutes. One star out of four.

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• **MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA:** What AFC East quarterback during the Tom Brady era started the most games for his team? Bonus question: What AFC East QB has the most combined starts for multiple teams?
Answer appears below:

Golfers calling on Gov. Charlie Baker to open courses
Golf appeared to be one outlet where you could escape the restrictions put in place due to the coronavirus. But, when Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker closed all non-essential businesses until April 7 (now extended to Monday, May 4), the Massachusetts Golf Association asked him to consider golf courses an exempt or essential business during the crisis. Jesse Menachem, executive director and CEO of Mass. Golf, said the organization's priority shifted to making sure golf course maintenance workers were considered essential after Baker's order went into effect.

Baker approved that request. Menachem said the association is still waiting to hear back about its earlier request to allow people in Massachusetts to keep playing golf.

Regardless of the answer the association gets, Menachem said, it will follow Baker's orders.

"We want to act in the best interest of the game and people's health, so as of right now, we are following suit and suggesting that golf not be

Athletes & Activities

By: Steve Algeri

played," Menachem said.

Courses are still open in Rhode Island, New York and Connecticut. A change.org petition calling for Baker to open the courses has drawn over 20,000 signatures by early this week.

Here are some excerpts from the petition:

Golf by nature of the game, and with limited modifications, can comply completely with the intent of the "Stay at Home" designation. In these difficult times, people need to get out, get some exercise, while still following the rules in place.

Many states with "Shelter in Place" or "Stay at Home" orders and advisories are allowing golf, with modifications and restrictions.

As a solution, what we ask is the following:

- Club houses will NOT remain open.
- Flag sticks will NOT be used.

- Holes will be placed two inches above the ground or inverted so no one touches the hole.
- No golf carts will be allowed. Walking is to be encouraged.

- Tee time intervals should be no less than twelve (12) minutes between groups.
- Clubs should encourage online payments to limit interaction between course staff and customers and avoid congregation in and around the clubhouse.

- Players are prohibited from congregating on the putting green or driving range before or prior to their round.
- When rounds are completed, customers must go directly to their vehicles.
- Strict adherence to all CDC guidelines relating to responsible social distancing.

With no rakes, ball washers, or carts and no touching of the flagsticks, we would eliminate most of the possible ways the virus could be passed on the golf course.

Woburn Hall of Fame pushes this year's ceremony into September

The second induction class into the Woburn Hall of Fame has been announced.

This year's ceremony has been pushed back to Saturday, Sept. 26. The original date was Saturday, May 16. The event will still be held at the Hilton Boston/Woburn. Tickets are \$125 each and can be purchased online or by mail.

Sponsorship, program ad and ticket information can be found online: <https://bit.ly/WoburnHOF>.

The individual athletes to be inducted are: Jay Boyle (2000), Peter Lennon (1983), Colleen Martin

(2006), Keith McLaughlin (1983), Michael McLaughlin (2005), Elizabeth Nadeau Sankar (1998), John O'Brien (1980), Michael O'Brien (1980), Heather Oldham (1999), Jason Paige (2001), Michael Parziale (2001), Colleen Sanborn (2005).

Teams to be inducted: 1975 field hockey, 1999/2000 golf teams, 2000 boys soccer.

Coaches: Bob Doran (golf), Peter Hantzis (boys soccer).

Contributions by Community Members: Charles Greene Sr., Carl Torrice, Robert Varey.

Inductees for Remarkable Success & Contributions to the Community: Richard Harold Cavicchi (1940), John Flaherty (1974), Leo McElhiney (1941).

Local college lacrosse players at Assumption

The Assumption Department of Athletics has announced that 41 student-athletes were named to the 2020 Assumption College Men's Lacrosse team. Though the spring season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the team competed in the first four games of the Greyhounds' spring season.

Local players on the team included: NOLAN COLLINS of Wakefield, Class of 2022; TIMOTHY BRIDGES of Burlington, Class of 2022 and CONOR QUINLAN of Burlington, Class of 2023.

"Though our season ended too soon, the spirit of our team can't be extinguished," said Guy Bourdon, second-year head coach of the Assumption Men's Lacrosse team. "Our team is built on a foundation of dedication, hard work, and passion, both for what happens on the field and in the classroom. While student-athletes are learning remotely, we'll continue to focus on improving on skills and getting ready for next season."

Area native Alan Noyes is new Triton softball coach

Burlington ALAN NOYES, a familiar face in Tewksbury's softball community, was recently new head varsity softball coach Triton Regional High School in Byfield.

Noyes, 55, had taken a year off from coaching.

Noyes has been in and around sports since his youth. Growing up in Burlington, he was a hockey player for the high school.

Then, he went back to the high school to coach baseball. From there, he took his skills to the softball field, being a part of the Board of Directors for Tewksbury's Youth Softball League for the last 20 years, and coaching teams in town for 18 years.

On top of Tewksbury,

Noyes was the coach in Draught for the Firecrackers softball club for the last five summers.

Before taking the job at Triton, he was assistant coach for Tewksbury High under former head coach Leo DiRocco.

Last spring, Triton finished with a 19-2 regular season record, winning the Cape Ann League Kinney Division Championship.

Tewksbury's Paige named MSTCA Athlete of the Year

The Massachusetts State Track Coaches Association named Tewksbury High junior MAKAYLA PAIGE its Female Athlete of the Year for indoor track. Lowell High senior Richmond Kwaateng was the male winner.

Paige had another incredible season, breaking numerous school, meet, state and New England records, well as holding the No. 1 time in the entire country in the 600 meters and the sixth best time in the country in the 800 meters.

Paige was the Gatorade Female Track Athlete of the Year in 2018-19 as a sophomore.

Paige was the Division 3 Eastern Mass Champion in both the 300 meters (40.42) and the 600 (1:29.70). Her mark in the 600, broke the all-time mark at the Reggie Lewis Center, as well as in Massachusetts and New England.

The following week she was crowned the All-State Champion in the 600 with a time of 1:30.61, which was her third combined individual all-state championship title.

Besides the state competition, Paige was also the winner in the 600 at the prestigious Millrose Games held in New York. Running against the top competition in the country, she came from behind to post a time of 1:30.28, which also ranked No. 1 in the country at the time.

After winning the All-State Meet, Paige elected to forgo the New England Meet where she would have been the No. 1 seed, and work towards the New Balance National Meet, which was supposed to be held on March 15 in New York but was cancelled due to the coronavirus. She was planning on running in the 800 meters, where she ranked No. 6 in the entire country.

Answer to this week's question: Ryan Tannehill started 88 games for the Miami Dolphins, the most starts for a single team in the AFC East.

Answer to this week's bonus question: Ryan Fitzpatrick started 93 games combined for the Miami Dolphins, New York Jets and Buffalo Bills.

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178 South St was sold to Hagan, Robert A and Lehman, Laura L by Donnellan, John J and Donnellan, Nancy R for \$950,500 on 03/23/20

53 Wescroft Rd was sold to Stevens, Craig and Stevens, Jaclyn by Duffy, Patrick G for \$477,000 on 03/19/20

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5 Heather Ln was sold to Selhi, Vijay K and Selhi, Ruby by Cubi, Angelo for \$1,600,000 on 03/18/20

5 High Rock Rd was sold to Shefler, Erica P by LHD RT and Dalbeck, Sandra J for \$789,900 on 03/18/20

5 Nina St was sold to Martin, John J and Carr, Janelle R by Ann M Parks RET and Lucas, David R for \$434,900 on 03/19/20

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122 Nichols St was sold to Wyatt, Ethan B and Wyatt, Dana L by Zizis, Maryellen for \$424,040 on 03/23/20

5 Westdale Ave was sold to Golden RT and Goldberg, Debra A by Allard, Avis B for \$255,000 on 03/24/20

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14 Fenwick Rd was sold to Meir, Rakeb by Bailey, Paul and Bailey, Kerry for \$1,360,000 on 03/23/20

235 Forest St was sold to Zeng, Hai and Cao, Yanling by Mary E Myette LT and Myette, Paul A for \$609,000 on 03/24/20

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8 Evans St was sold to Murphy, Edward J by Murphy, David W and Murphy, Kenneth P for \$222,500 on 03/20/20

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35 Montvale Ave #4 was sold to Li, Danhong and Bao, Renjie by Huseynov, Subhan for \$257,000 on 03/24/20

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graham crackers over warm brownies. Broil with top 4 to 5 inches from heat 30 to 60 seconds or until marshmallows are golden brown. (Watch carefully; marshmallows and graham crackers will brown quickly.)

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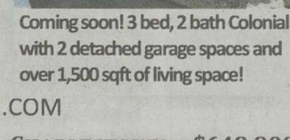
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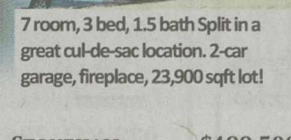
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Wilmington Police Log

Local man has tough night, arrested twice

Friday, March 27:

6:51 a.m.: After responding to a report of an explosion and a power outage on Church Street, police found that a transformer blew and a wire was sticking out of it. Reading Light was called in to fix it.

12:50 p.m.: The Fire Department extinguished a mulch fire by Lucci's on Lowell Street.

1:17 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Shawsheen Avenue involving a Nissan Altima and a Cadillac SRX.

4:03 p.m.: Animal Control disposed of a white and gray domestic cat with short hair on Pouliot Place. The cat had no microchip.

10:33 p.m.: A Honda Civic sped into a stone wall on Boutwell Street. The driver did not appear to be injured. The road was temporarily closed.

Saturday, March 28:

10:53 a.m.: Police notified the Department of Public Works about a sinkhole forming around a basin in the area of Andover Street and Willard Circle.

3:12 p.m.: A wire to a Marion Street home was downed during a tree removal.

4:13 p.m.: A group of teens was dispersed from the Shawsheen School skate park due to its temporary closure. The caution tape in the area was replaced. There did not appear to be any new graffiti from the teens.

10:51 p.m.: Jake Stancato, 21, of 123 Glen Road was arrested for operating under the influence of drugs and alcohol, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, and possession of an open container of alcohol in a vehicle. Stancato had been found asleep at the wheel at the intersection of Middlesex Avenue and Wildwood Street.

Sunday, March 29:

4:04 a.m.: After a reported robbery in which a man's ring was stolen, Jake Stancato was arrested. He was charged with receiving stolen property under \$1,200 and assault with a dangerous weapon. The ring was returned to its owner.

4:46 p.m.: An Infiniti Q50 and a Honda Pilot were involved in a collision on Shawsheen Avenue which was briefly treated as a hit and run. The vehicle that continued from the accident toward Billerica was located on Grace Drive and an information exchange was facilitated.

9:11 p.m.: Traffic on Cross

Street by Yentile Farms was briefly redirected to Towpath Drive following a possible lightning strike.

Monday, March 30:

12:01 a.m.: The Department of Public Works was called to remove a tree that fell and blocked a driveway on Towpath Drive.

Tuesday, March 31:

3:33 a.m.: A man was transported to Lahey for medical attention after his face and head were injured in an accident on I-93.

10 a.m.: A box truck hit the drive through at the Reading Cooperative Bank on Middlesex Avenue, doing electrical damage but no major structural damage. No one was injured.

Wednesday, April 1:

9:09 a.m.: The Department of Public Works was faxed about roadside trash on Woburn Street and Eames Street.

Thursday, April 2:

5:27 p.m.: A Toyota Sienna and a Mitsubishi Lancer were in a collision at the intersection of Glen Road and Brattle Street. Police temporarily closed Glen Road at Town Hall, but no injuries were reported.

The Town Crier regrets that the Tewksbury Police Log was unavailable for publication this week.

Daniliuk, Mitchell named to Dean's List at Emerson

BOSTON — Allison Daniliuk, a native of Wilmington, has been named to the Emerson College Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester. Daniliuk is majoring in Media Arts Production and is a member

of the Class of 2021.

Matthew Mitchell, a native of Tewksbury, has been named to the Emerson College Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester. Mitchell is majoring in Marketing Communi-

cations and is a member of the Class of 2021.

The requirement to make Emerson's Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher.

For more information, visit emerson.edu.

Gov. Baker announces COVID-19 relief fund

BOSTON — The Governor and First Lady Lauren Baker announced the launch of the Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund, which will help support essential frontline workers and vulnerable populations across the state, including Massachusetts residents and immigrants facing homelessness, food insecurity, and loss of critical services as a result of the COVID-19 public health crisis.

The Fund was conceptualized by the One8 Foundation, which helped establish the fund and provided a lead donation of \$1.8 million. The MA COVID-19 Relief Fund is administered by Eastern Bank. The Foundation for Business Equity (FBE) and The Boston Foundation are acting as fiscal sponsors for the fund. Elissa Flynn-Poppey of Mintz Levin provided invaluable advice and counsel.

Donations can be made online by visiting MACovid19ReliefFund.org.

"I am so grateful to Lauren for her leadership on this important effort, and to the One8 Foundation team, Eastern Bank, FBE, and The Boston Foundation for their hard work and dedication in getting the fund off the ground," said Governor Charlie Baker. "The compassion and generosity of the people of Massachusetts continues to inspire and amaze me, and I have no doubt that our state will continue to step up and give back to Massachusetts communities so that we can come through this crisis stronger and more united than ever before."

One8, the family foundation of residents Joanna and Jonathan Jacobson, have been joined by other Massachusetts philanthropists providing lead gifts including the Klarman Family Foundation, Joshua and Anita Bekenstein Charitable Fund, Charlesbank Capital Partners/Barbara and Michael Eisen, the Fireman Family Foundation and an anonymous donor. Additional founding donors include: the Edgley Family Foundation,

Liz and Phill Gross, Manion Family Foundation, Dupre-Nunnally Charitable Gift Fund, the Bapost Group, Rob and Karen Hale, TJX, Mickey and Bob Atchinson, the Abrams Family Foundation, Michael and Jill Stansky Family Foundation, the Frieze Family Foundation, William Helman, MFN Partners, Lynch Family Foundation, Stephanie and Brian Spector, Ernie Boch Jr., Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation, Bank of America, Maurice and Luly Samuels, and Chris and Lisa Collins.

Together, these generous donors will kickstart the fund with over \$13 million.

Donations raised through the Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund will be distributed in partnership with the state's community foundations that cover counties statewide and other critical non-profits, ensuring that Massachusetts communities can benefit from access to this much-needed pool of resources.

"These are unprecedented and uncertain times, and the people of Massachusetts are struggling. The Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund will help us connect those who are most acutely impacted by COVID-19 with the resources and services they need to get through this difficult time and stay safe, healthy, and supported," said Lauren Baker, First Lady of the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts. "I encourage all individuals, businesses, foundations — everyone who cares about our state — to consider contributing to this Fund. Every bit helps, and every donation will be used to help our communities."

Jonathan Raymond will serve as the Fund's Executive Director, supporting fundraising and the effective distribution of funds across the state. Raymond is the Executive Director of the National Association of School Superintendents, and was formerly the President of the Stuart Foundation, a K-12 education foundation in California.

"COVID-19 is impacting our state in countless ways, from housing and food insecurity to job losses and an incredible strain on essential workers and the health care system. The need is felt

in every corner of our state and across every community" said Joanna Jacobson, Trustee of the One8 Foundation. "Our message to the people, non-profits, and communities of our state is this: We know you are hurting, and we are here for you. Our team is proud to support this effort, and we will continue to do everything we can to reach out and help our neighbors who need it most to get back on their feet."

Eastern Bank is a founding donor to this initiative and is providing their services to the Fund at no cost.

"This pandemic is affecting every person, organization, and community and the Fund understands that supporting each other is the best way to get through this together," said Bob Rivers, Chair and CEO of Eastern Bank. "We believe in doing what we can to help all communities across Massachusetts and to provide a safe and reliable way for donations to be made to this Fund."

The Boston Foundation is hosting this statewide donor advised Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund to accept donations from foundations and donor advised funds.

"These unprecedented times call for unprecedented efforts on the state and local levels. While we have increased our active support for non-profits in Greater Boston, we are also proud to stand with donors recognizing the needs across our great commonwealth," said Paul Grogan of The Boston Foundation.

To learn more about the Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund and to make a donation, please visit MACovid19ReliefFund.org.

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Kellogg named to Dean's List Hofstra University

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Lifestyle

Easter Bunny tradition dates back centuries

By HEATHER BURNS

This is the season for tulips, daffodils, bunnies and eggs. Yes, all of these things are indicative of the arrival of spring and the celebration of Easter.

Easter, the oldest and most important holiday of the Christian Church, celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The egg, known for thousands of years as the symbol of life and rebirth, has come to represent Christ's resurrection. The hard shell represents the tomb of Christ and cracking the shell represents the resurrection of Christ. Thus, making the logical association of the Easter celebration and the Easter egg.

Tulips and daffodils are some of the first flowers of the spring season to bloom, making them the perfect floral ambassadors to welcome the start of Easter.

So how does the big bunny littering your backyard with eggs and candy tie into this scenario?

There have been several cultures throughout history with different versions of the Easter Bunny in their folklore, as well as traditions for an egg hunt.

Early German cultures believed in the Teutonic Goddess of springtime, Eostre.

Eostre was commonly associated

with rabbits because of their fertility and springtime presence. The belief was that Eostre and her egg laying rabbits would leave eggs in the grass as the first sign of spring.

In the early 1700's, Pennsylvania Dutch believed an egg laying hare called Oschter Haws would lay eggs in the grass and children were encouraged to search for the eggs.

The hare had also been associated with fertility and the Virgin Mary for centuries. Rabbits often appear in paintings of the Virgin



▲ "Madonna of the Rabbit" painted by Titian in 1530

(Heather Burns photos)

Mary, such as Titian's masterpiece "Madonna of the Rabbit" painted in 1530. In Europe, this was the basis of the tradition of the Easter Hare who would hide baskets of colored eggs in the house and garden for children to find.

Queen Victoria helped popularize this egg hunt tradition as early as 1833. She mentions her mother's arrangement of egg hunts for her as a child often in her diary, and she continued the egg hunt tradition at Kensington Palace throughout her life.

Another popular English tradition is the Egg Roll.

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Easter tradition.

This Easter celebration officially dates back to 1878, under the presidency of Rutherford B. Hayes, but it is First Lady Dolly Madison, wife of the 4th U.S. president James Madison, that is said to have started this tradition on the hilly lawn of the Capitol building.

However, the egg roll event was eventually moved to the White House lawn after President Ulysses S. Grant signed a bill banning the rolling of eggs on the Capitol grounds due to officials complaining the event was ruining the Capitol's lawn.

Typically, the White House Easter Egg Roll takes place on the Monday after Easter, but on March 16, 2020 the office of the First Lady Melania Trump announced that out of an abundance of caution concerning the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's Easter Egg Roll would be canceled.

This is not the first time this White House celebration has been canceled, but it is the first time because of a health pandemic.

The other cancellations were caused by war time, which included the Civil War, WWI and WWII.

The Easter Egg Roll was also canceled from 1946-1952 due to post-war food conservation and then because of construction that was taking place at the White House.

The many cultural Easter traditions that have been celebrated throughout history are now molded into our modern day Easter Bunny who hides eggs and treats, sparking the much anticipated Easter Day egg hunt.

For many families the egg hunt is a focal point for their

Easter celebration, but because of social distancing that is still in place, many families will have to participate in a much smaller scaled egg hunt celebration this year.

In an effort to stay connected in the community this Easter season, the Granite United Church is encouraging everyone to participate in the Great Egg Hunt. You can enjoy this egg hunt while still keeping social distancing from the safety of your car. To participate in this event, you can download a printable Easter Egg, or create your own "egg" artwork to display on your front door or window. Starting April 4 - 12, drive through neighborhoods to see how many eggs you can find on display. To download your printable egg, visit hunt-forhope.com.

During this difficult time, it is hard to adjust to our many new social norms. Having changes in our holiday traditions doesn't make them worse, just different.

You and your family can still participate in many traditional Easter favorites like coloring eggs, attending online or broadcast church service, and enjoying an egg hunt.

Maybe now is the time to try celebrating with something new, like having your own Easter egg roll with your children in the backyard.

Have fun making a new holiday recipe or change the holiday menu from dinner to brunch.

Try incorporating a new twist into your traditional egg hunt by adding clues or riddles to help find the eggs. These new Easter celebrations may just turn into a time honored tradition in your family that will be embraced for years to come.



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is also a symbolic re-enactment of the rolling away of the stone from Christ's tomb. This British tradition eventually crossed "the pond" to become a famous U.S. tradition.

The annual White House Egg Roll that takes place on the White House lawn has been a long standing national

A hike at Quabbin Hill to beat the quarantine blues

By PAIGE IMPINK
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Since the COVID-19 pandemic has presented some more time to get outdoors and walk, my family has been pursuing a combination of short and longer, more varied excursions as the weather and schedules permit.

Last weekend, in pursuit of a more vertical trail experience, we headed to the Quabbin Reservoir area and specifically, Quabbin Hill.

Ever mindful of social distancing, getting out in nature is a recommended way to separate from people while getting much needed exercise. The Quabbin Reservoir, Boston's main drinking water supply, was created in the 1930s and required the flooding of four towns and the removal of many acres of trees and woodlands.

According to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, the Quabbin contains 412 billion gallons of water, covers 39 square miles, and has 181 miles of shoreline. The construction included a massive aqueduct which carries the water to Boston and over 40 cities and towns.

Much history surrounds the construction of the reservoir and the controversial "taking" of the



▲ Quabbin Hill Observation Tower

towns to construct it.

We started our hike near the Ware/Belchertown line, at the southernmost end of the reservoir, by the Winsor Dam. For our hike to Quabbin Hill, we parked at the Middle Gate area, a paved lot with interpretive signage. We hiked more than six miles up and around the hill, but there is also a simple half mile walk across the dam and back which may be just perfect for your purposes.

The dam itself is a giant earthen retaining wall, impounding the Swift and Ware rivers for the Quabbin. It is quite impressive and is the largest dam in Massachusetts. We saw fa-

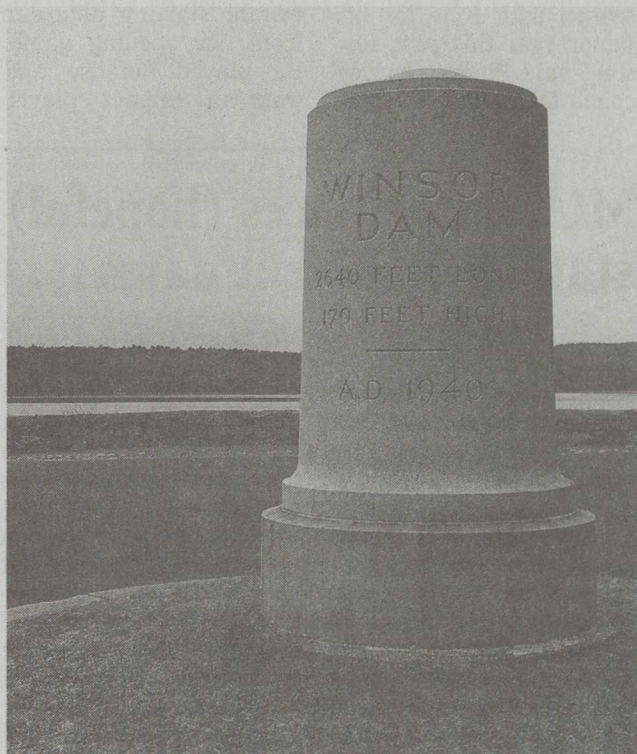
milies enjoying the grassy steep slope that the dam provides, and several walkers on the trails in the fields below. All paths we observed were well worn and wide.

Our hike was a varied climb along the Middle Gate to Observation Tower trail, moving through red and white pine forests, cleared power line right of way areas, and more open canopy areas. The trail is not too steep or rocky, and is well blazed, but we did wear hiking shoes as the rains have left some mushy spots.

Even though there seemed to be many cars at the lot, we encountered very

few people on the trails, which gave us a feeling we were quite alone to enjoy the woods. As we reached the observation tower, we were greeted with a sweeping view of the reservoir and surrounding Swift River Valley.

Unfortunately, the observation tower was closed, but it is said to have a 60-mile view in all directions from the top floor, according to the online brochure. Hikers have the option of taking any of the paved roads back down, or continuing on to explore the trails further. Binoculars would be a great addition to your pack for this trip to enjoy the view.



▲ The granite marker at Winsor Dam. Named for the chief engineer of the project, the dam was completed in 1940.

The Quabbin Park area is part of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) system and has more than 20 miles of trails. If you prefer to just take a drive, vehicles may ascend to the top of Quabbin Hill and take in additional sites such as Goodnough Dike, Brown's Field, and the Enfield Lookout on the paved road.

On the day we visited, we

saw motorcycles, bicycles and people on foot using the road to reach the top. Restrooms were closed, however, and the main gate visitor center, located on the other side of Winsor Dam, was also closed.

Should you find yourself looking to take a ride during the pandemic (or any time), consider heading out to wander near the Quabbin to enjoy the scenery and the trails.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2020



Wilmington resident Kyle Collins, a junior at the Pingree School in Hamilton, Mass., was named a NEPSIHA League All-Star in ice hockey this past week. He also enjoyed a strong soccer season at the Prep School as well. (courtesy photo).

Junior finishes up successful seasons in soccer and hockey

Kyle Collins excelling at the Pingree School

By JAMIE POTE
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HAMILTON/WILMINGTON, MA - Back in the 2017-'18 calendar school year, Kyle Collins was a freshman at Wilmington High School. He was a three-sport athlete, who made the varsity boys soccer team, while playing for the JV ice hockey and lacrosse programs. Certainly he had a bright future in athletics.

After he completed that freshman year, he decided he needed a change. He challenged himself both academically and athletically by transferring to the Pingree School. He elected to put away the lacrosse stick and focus on soccer and ice hockey. Pingree competes in Division 1 New England Prep School Athletics, including ice hockey as a member of the Holt Division, which is one of the top prep school divisions in the country.

Last Thursday, Pingree announced that Collins was named a Holt Conference league all-star as a defenseman, and the junior has been named one of the team's alternate captains for next year.

"I took the job last spring and have had one season with Kyle for his junior year this past season," said Pingree hockey coach Dan Gordon. "Kyle

played defense and was a core piece of that defensive unit. He is probably the nicest player I have ever coached in ten years, and carries himself in the highest caliber of a student-athlete you possibly could. He was the one player on the team that I knew if I put him out there, I did not have to worry about something going wrong, as he is someone I knew I could always rely on to play the right way."

Kyle, who has two sisters, Cassidy, who was a multi-sport athlete at WHS graduating last year and now Jess, who is currently a freshman and also multi-sport athlete, comes from a very athletic family. Kyle first started playing soccer when he was three years old and this past fall with Pingree, he was named a New England All-Star and to the Salem News Honorable Mention team, and has also been voted as a team captain for next season.

"From the first day of soccer tryouts in August of 2018, it was clear Kyle was going to be an impact player," said Pingree head soccer coach Dominic Fitzpatrick. "On one of our most talented teams in 2018, Kyle was an instant starting defender from our opening game. He played defense and was an impact player

throughout the year. He scored three goals and had one assist, mostly from playing on defense which is impressive. He was an important player for a team that made a run to the New England championship game."

Collins has made an immediate impact at the school - obviously through his leadership and athletic abilities with both the soccer and ice hockey programs. He was asked about his decision to leave Wilmington High - where he obviously would have made an incredible impact as well.

"Transferring to Pingree after my freshman year was definitely one of the hardest decisions I have had to make (in my life). Having played Wilmington sports all growing up and making so many friends while doing it, I always looked forward to getting the chance to play on the high school teams. I did get that chance freshman year when I made varsity soccer, and I also played hockey and lacrosse. It was an incredible experience that I would never trade, but when the opportunity to go to Pingree came around, I knew I should really consider it."

"I had talked with my dad about going to a different high school in eighth grade, but I never felt like I wanted to because I loved being at Wilmington. After visiting Pingree, taking a tour, and meeting some of the people, I really felt like it was a place I could see myself. I knew the academics were great and so were the sports, but I knew it would be a challenge having to go forty minutes to school each morning and also making all new friends. I really only knew a couple kids who went to Pingree, and that was very different from Wilmington where I had been going to school and playing sports with the same kids since I was little."

"When I got my acceptance to Pingree, I was thrilled, but I knew I had a really tough decision to make. I talked it over with my parents and siblings for a few weeks, and I went back to visit the school again. I eventually agreed with my parents that I would go, and after my sophomore year, if I didn't like it I would go back to Wilmington. It's a decision that I have never regretted. I absolutely love the school and everything that comes with it."

Collins has played two years of varsity soccer

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Senior captain of the RWU Women's Lacrosse team

Tremendous career cut short for Ashley Warren

By MIKE IPPOLITO
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WILMINGTON - With all that is going on in the world right now, there are obviously much bigger problems than missing out on the sports we love to watch, we love to play, and we love to cover as sports-writers.

But the fact that there are bigger problems in the world doesn't make missing out on the spring sports season any less painful for high school and college athletes who have trained relentlessly for the opportunity to play, only to see it taken away this season due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is especially true of seniors at both the high school and college level, most of whom are missing out on the opportunity to take the field one last time. One such athlete at the local level is Ashley Warren of Wilmington.

The senior captain and attack with the Roger Williams Lacrosse team is not only missing out on her senior season, but it is a senior season that had tremendous promise for both her individually as well as her Roger Williams teammates.

Warren, a 2016 graduate of Wilmington High, and the Hawks were the odds on favorites to take home the Commonwealth Coast Conference title this season after coming up just short last season, falling in overtime in the CCC title game to Endicott. Six of the nine coaches in the CCC picked the Hawks to finish the job this season, but with the season, and all spring collegiate sports now canceled, they will never get the chance to take that next step.

Roger Williams coach Jennifer Fox, who has led the Hawks to the CCC title game in each of her three seasons as head coach, only to come up short each time to Endicott, felt the pain of missing out along with her players.

"For Ashley and really for the entire senior class it has been very tough.

They really bought into the program and were ready for a great senior season. Ashley was one of the players who really led her group to put in the extra effort. She leads by example, and she has really helped take this program from one level to another," Fox said. "I can't even put into words how tough it must be. They put in the work over the summer, and played in scrimmages and fall ball and everything, and then to not be able to play, it must be so tough."

Warren knows there were no guarantees that she and the Hawks would get that final win and take home the title this time around, but she would have love to have had the opportunity to let the season play out and see where they ended up.

Warren had two goals and an assist in the 11-10 championship game loss, and a goal and two assists in the 16-14 semifinal win over the University of New England, including assisting on what would prove to be the game winner, giving RW a 15-14 lead with 3:07 left in the game. Obviously, however, it was not quite enough.

"We were ranked number one in the preseason poll, so for us that was huge. We were super excited for the season, so that has been very tough. It was great to see all of the coaches believe in us like that, and we would have liked to be able to prove them right," Warren said. "We definitely had some motivation to come back and win the championship this year."

Warren herself was also coming a tremendous season last year, having scored 37 goals and adding 27 assists for a total of 64 points in 19 games last season, placing her second on the team in goals and points and first in assists. The season was especially impressive following a disappointing sophomore season. She had scored 13 goals and added 22 assists in 17 games as a fresh-

man, before slumping to seven goals and eight assists in 14 games as a sophomore.

"I went through kind of a sophomore slump, but I came in junior year determined to be more of a leader and a better player," Warren said. "I put in a lot of work off the field with going to the gym and things like that and that definitely helped."

Fox was not surprised to see Warren come back the way she did. She may have slumped in her sophomore season, but it was certainly not due to lack of effort, and effort that Fox has seen from the moment she took over as coach.

"I have been her coach for three years, and every single year she has put in the time to improve her game," Fox said. "She is the type of kid who focuses on what she needs to do to in order to help the team."

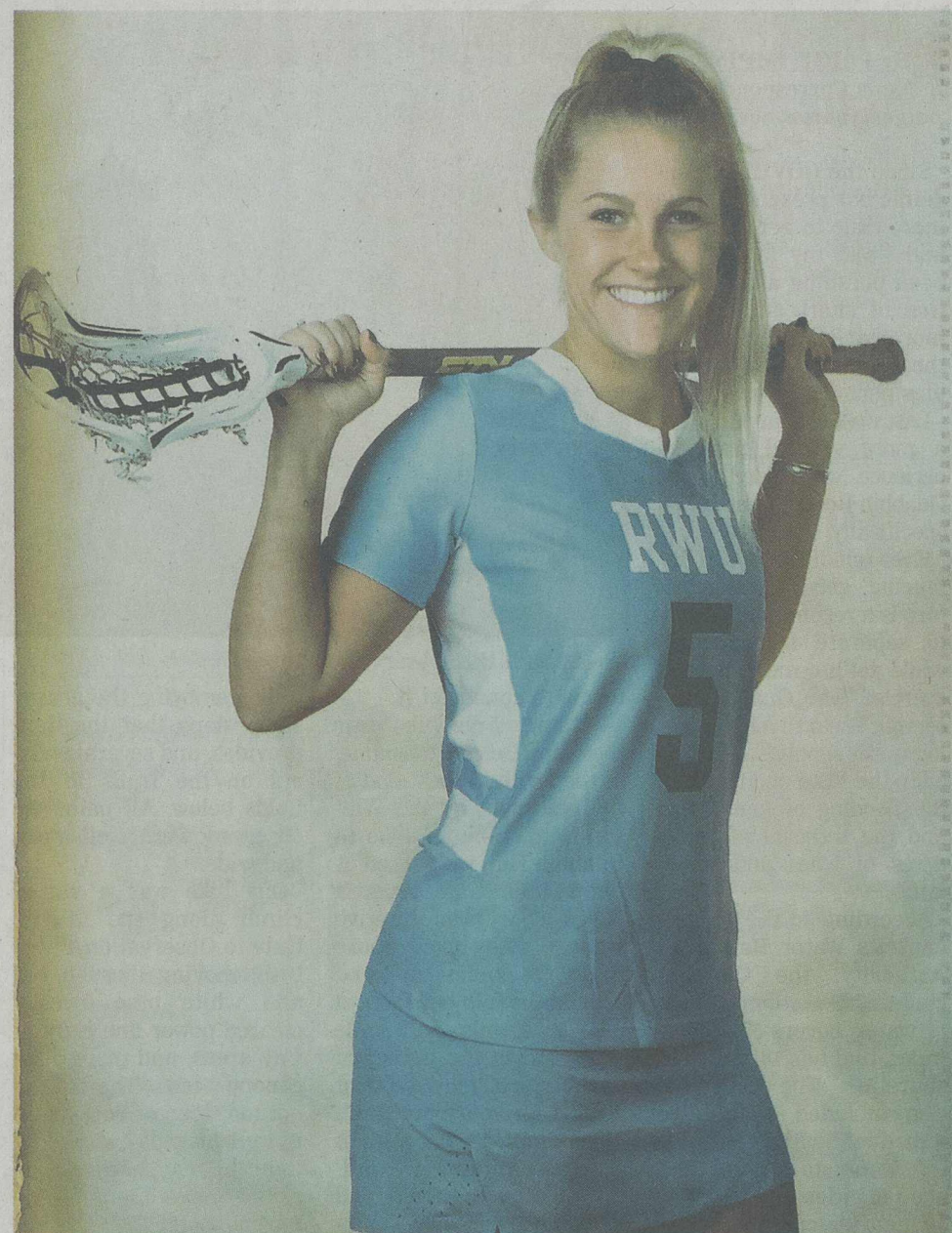
But it is not just Warren's effort that has impressed Fox during the course of her career. She is also a supremely talented player that has made the most of her ability.

"Ashley is a true shooter. She is shifty and she is quick. She has a nose for the cage, but she is a very selfless player," Fox said. "She looks for the assist, but she can also put the ball in the net. She was our only senior attack, so a lot of the freshmen were really looking to her this season."

Warren's talent was on full display while at Wilmington High, where she was a four-year letter winner on the lacrosse team, while also playing three years on the soccer team. Warren was the lacrosse team MVP and leading scorer in junior year, and was elected to the Lowell Sun All-Star team in her junior and senior seasons for lacrosse, while being selected to the Middlesex League All-Star team in her senior year.

But even with all that talent, it took some time for her to believe she

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Wilmington resident Ashley Warren was slated to be a senior captain on this year's Roger Williams University Women's Lacrosse team before the season was abruptly cancelled due to the pandemic. (courtesy photo).

MIAA announces (hopeful) state tournament dates

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Back on March 30th, the MIAA (Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association) voted unanimously to start the spring high school sports season on May 4th, with games starting on May 12th and ending on June 27th (rain date of June 28th) pending the status of the current pandemic. It was noted at that first meeting that the state tournament information would be announced at a later date.

On Monday, that follow-up meeting was held and the MIAA along with the TMC (Tournament Management Committee) announced through a conference call that if the season indeed starts on May 4th, that the cut-off date for teams making the state tournament in baseball, lacrosse, softball and tennis would be on June 12th, with seedings for the tournament taking place on the 13th.

The playoff format would be sectional tournaments only - not state wide - and would begin the week of June 15th, concluding on the 27th. It was also agreed upon that there would be not be a Division 1A Baseball Tournament or individual tennis tournament this spring, and that all state tournament qualifying rules would remain the same.

As for track-and-field, it was determined that the regular season meets could run through June 20th, with seedings announced the following day for the sectional/divisional meets to be held on the weekend of June 27th-28th, with again no all-state meet.

All of this will be in compliance with Governor Charlie Baker, pending the coronavirus, while each school's superintendent will have the final say on whether or not teams and athletes take the field starting on May 4th.

Kyle Collins excelling at the Pingree School

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and ice hockey at Pingree, and both coaches believe that he has the talent to play either sport at the collegiate level.

In soccer, after his strong debut season as a sophomore on defense, Collins really stepped up his play this past year as a junior, shifting more to a midfielder position.

"Kyle built on that with a really strong season in 2019 as he was one of our most important players," said Fitzpatrick. "He mostly played in midfield and occasionally in defense. He had three goals and seven assists. His work ethic is among the best I've seen. He NEVER gets tired and he is tough as nails despite his physique. He is the fastest and fittest kid on our team which is a huge asset defensively and was one of the main reasons we had him in the back in our most important games.

"He is a very intelligent player. Most importantly, he is a great kid. He garners the utmost respect from his teammates and coaches. He NEVER complains about anything. He is not the type of leader to yell and scream to get others excited. He just works his tail off and leads by example. He is incredibly respectful and coachable to o... qualities that carry over to his success in the classroom too."

Heading into the season, Collins said that expectations for the team were not all that favorable, especially since the team had lost eight seniors from the 2018 team.

"We had come off an awesome season where we won the league and made it all the way to the NEPSAC championship, so we knew there were some doubts about us and how well we would do," he said. "The season ended up going really well. We had some big wins in

important games and won all of the games we needed to (in order to) get a

double overtime to a (scoreless) tie. We ended up going into penalty

captain for next year. Receiving the awards, recognition, and captain-

ended, Collins put away the cleats and took out the skates and helmet, turning to ice hockey. Once again, the blueliner had a tremendous season, finishing with three goals and five assists.

"A player with a terrific work ethic and a great teammate to his peers," said Gordon. "I don't think you'd find one person on the team that would say a bad thing about Kyle. He cares about his teammates and puts the team first before himself. He never complains and knows it is always on him for deserving more playing time. I would take a team full of Kyle Collins'. Whatever Kyle decides to pursue in college, soccer or hockey, that coach is lucky to him."

Coming off a 9-20 season from the year before, things were much difference on the ice as the team had a new coach, some new players and a much better season. Pingree advanced to the semi-finals of the Holt Conference playoffs.

"This hockey season was a huge shift from our season last year," said Collins. "This year we brought in a new coach and a bunch of new players as transfers. We got going pretty early since we had so many new people with captain's practices in the fall to help us get to know each other better. Coach Gordon fit in perfectly when he arrived. He had gone to Pingree when he was in high school and played hockey in college so he knew what he was doing.

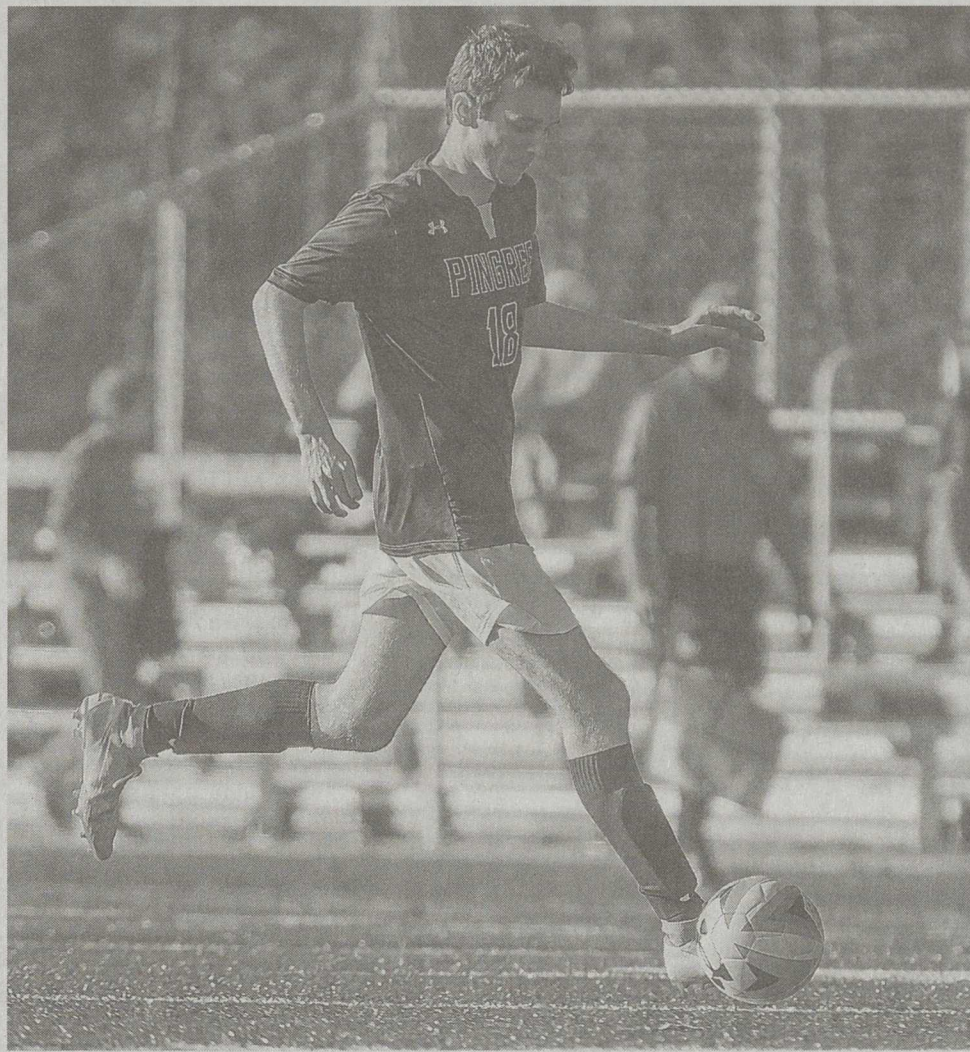
"We played some really tough competition throughout the season, but we were able to hold our own. We had some huge wins at different points in the season from our Pingree Christmas tournament to our senior night at the end. We

played in our conference playoffs as the third seed and lost in the semi-finals to North Yarmouth Academy, who went on to win. It was a great rebuilding year. We are definitely ready to put in a good run next year with some more new faces and a strong returning group at the core of the team."

Heading into his senior year this fall, Collins will be a veteran presence in both sports, and one of the leaders on both squads. He will continue to look at colleges, to see what's the best fit for him academically and athletically, just like he did back in the summer of 2018.

"Now and then I do think about what life would be like if I had stayed at Wilmington, and all of the experiences that I feel like I am missing, but I think I have found a perfect medium," he said. "With my sister Cassidy being at the high school last year, and my sister Jessica being there now, I feel like sometimes I'm still a student there. I went to almost all of Cassidy's home games her senior year, and I made it to a ton of Jess's games this year. I still love going to all of the games and cheering on the Wildcats. I try not to miss any play-off games for any of the sports because there's nothing like being in the Wilmington student section for a big game.

"In the end, there are some things that I really miss about the high school like seeing my friends everyday, but I see them at games, and almost every weekend. Transferring to Pingree was a tough decision, but I am really happy that I made the choice, and that I have been able to experience both Pingree and Wilmington (as I move on to my fourth year) of high school."



Wilmington resident Kyle Collins had a terrific season as a midfielder for the Pingree Prep School boys' soccer team. (courtesy photo).

place in the NEPSAC tournament. The year before we were the second seed and this year we got the eighth seed out of eight teams."

In the first round of the tournament, Pingree pulled out a huge upset, beating the No. 1 seed, 2-1. In the semi-finals, the team was defeated, 1-0, in a game that was decided in three overtimes, by penalty kicks.

"We executed the game plan extremely well and were able to hold them off the entire game," he said. "We had plenty of chances and so did they. We played through both halves and

kicks, where we lost after the other team's goalie made some amazing stops. It was an incredible run for our team and we were all so proud of how far we made it, especially after people had such little expectations for us."

It was certainly a season Collins will remember.

"I am really proud that I was able to start every game, and play almost every minute," he said. "At the end of the season I was proud to be chosen as a Salem News All-Star Honorable Mention and a NEPSAC All-Star. My team voted me to receive the team award, and as a

cy were all incredibly rewarding and it really validated my switch to Pingree since I was able to have such an impact on our program and my team as a transfer in only two seasons.

"I really enjoyed this season and I am super excited for my senior year and hope we make it even further. Looking towards the future, I am planning to major in either engineering or business, and I hope to play soccer as well. I have been in contact with some coaches, so hopefully that will work out."

After the soccer season

Tremendous career cut short for Ashley Warren

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could get the job done on the collegiate level. She has obviously proven that she has what it takes, and prior to the cancellation of the season, she was doing her best to pass her experience on to her younger teammates."

"When you leave high school, you feel like you are a really good player, but then you get to college

and you realize that everybody was the same as you in high school, or even better," Warren said. "I had never considered myself a leader before, but I definitely feel like I have grown into that. I try to be encouraging to the freshman and the new players, trying to reassure them that they can do this. I think that is very

important."

It is that kind of leadership and attitude that has helped both Warren and the Hawks be so successful throughout her career. In fact, when asked why her team has had so much success over the years, she did not hesitate in her answer.

"Honestly, I think it our bond and how close we

are on and off the field. Our team dynamic just translated really well. I think that it is really important to have that connection off the field," Warren said. "Coach Fox has done a great job with us with a lot of team building activities, pasta dinners and things like that. A strong team bond goes a long way towards making you successful."

And while that team bonding is what Warren misses most in this lost season, even more so than missing out on games, she has another great team at home to help her through the semester, and that is

her family, starting with her parents Sheryl and Marc.

"My parents have always been my biggest supporters. Seeing how hard they took it when we were forced to miss the season made me realize once again how much they care. I have been going through a lot of highs and lows with this, and it is great to know that I have them. My mom is always checking in with me to see how I am doing, so that makes a big difference."

Warren is a communication/media studies major, and she would like to go into journalism or per-

haps get her master's degree in journalism. She has put her plans on hold for the moment, given the current situation, but Fox has little doubt that whichever path Warren chooses she will make the most of it.

"I feel like she can be successful in anything she does," Fox said. "I could see her coaching, or staying involved in the sport in some way. Not only is she an awesome lacrosse player, she is an awesome person. She is super humble and she super friendly. No matter what she does, she will go very far."



Ashley Warren in action for the Roger Williams University women's lacrosse team. (courtesy photo).

Tenth Annual WOW/Forte event will be a 'Virtual 5K'

On April 26, 2020, We're One Wilmington (WOW) was set to host its 10th and final 5K Run for Wilmington / Kim Forte Walk. Since our first communication, circumstances have changed quite a bit. The pandemic and need for social distancing has caused us to re-evaluate holding the road race as usual. After much deliberation, we have decided to turn the race into a "Virtual 5K."

What is a Virtual 5K? In a Virtual 5K, runners and walkers complete the 5K distance wherever and whenever they'd like between April 19th and April 26th - walk or run, outside or on the treadmill, in the morning or in the evening. All registered participants will be delivered their race packet and 2020 T-shirt in the weeks following the race.

In this time of uncertain-

ty, the need within our community will surely be greater than ever. With your 5K registration, WOW can continue the tradition of supporting local individuals and families during these most difficult times - not to mention it's a great opportunity to get out and enjoy the spring weather while doing some good!

We can all use a little fun these days and we have lots planned to add extra excitement to the WOW Virtual 5K! We'll be giving out prizes across various categories for registered runners/walkers who email or upload photos of their participation - think drawings for family participation, best costume, oldest/youngest participants, farthest from Wilmington and more!

If you are on social media be sure to use the hashtag #WOWVirtual5K

on your posts so we see them and everyone can follow along.

We've got Two Cousins DJ and Karaoke preparing a special WOW Virtual 5K Spotify playlist to keep you entertained during the race. We encourage past participants to wear a previous years' race shirt to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of this community event.

How do I register? We hope we've convinced you to join the fun! Register online by visiting our website at www.onewilmington.org. Remember to please walk or run by yourself or with immediate family only. Keep our communities safe by following social distance guidelines that have been put into place.

We hope to see you virtually April 19-26th!

PenaltyBox of Tewksbury donates 1,200 masks during pandemic

Last Thursday, The PenaltyBox Foundation, a Community driven 501c3, located in Tewksbury, announced they have purchased 1,200 face shields

from SPARX Hockey Inc. to donate to first responders battling the COVID-19 Pandemic.

After hearing that SPARX Hockey would be

adjusting their manufacturing lines to produce shields, the PenaltyBox Hockey Community rallied and raised over \$10,000 in twenty four

hours through an online raffle and donations.

"The Hockey Community is a tight knit family that is not afraid to step up to the plate when

times are tough. I am unbelievably proud of our team, partners, players, and parents who made this happen. To raise over ten thousand dollars in a matter of hours is remarkable," stated foundation founder, Drew Laine.

The PenaltyBox Foundation's, whose mission is to support those in

the hockey community who have experienced a catastrophic event, has been at the forefront of supporting and representing the hockey community during these turbulent times. "Our Community is everything to us and we will do everything within our power to take care of our own until this is over."

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Wilmington Youth Soccer offering scholarships

The Wilmington Youth Soccer Association (WYSA) is proud to announce five scholarships will be awarded this year. Each of the scholarships will be for \$1,000.00. The scholarship program is open to all graduating seniors who have participated in the WYSA soccer program. Each candidate must submit all the following items:

- A completed application (with additional sheets, if needed) signed by the applicant;

- A copy of the applicant's High School transcript which includes grades at mid-year of the Senior Year;

- One letter of recommendation from a non-relative who is a resident of Wilmington or a school-teacher or administrator.

- An essay (1 to 2 pages) describing both 1) the impact of participating in

the WYSA program has had on you and 2) describe in detail the volunteer activities you performed for WYSA and the impact you had on WYSA.

Scholarship applications are available at the Wilmington High School's guidance department or under the 'Association/Scholarship' section of the WYSA website: www.WilmingtonYouthSoccer.org.

Completed applications and materials must be received (postmarked or emailed) no later than Friday May 8, 2020 to be eligible. The above referenced items should be emailed to the email address: VPAdministration@wilmingtonyouthsoccer.org Or mailed via USPS to: WYSA - Scholarship 2020, PO Box 107 Wilmington MA 01887.

Wilmington Youth Hockey also offering scholarships

The Wilmington Youth Hockey Organization is seeking applicants for this scholarship valued at \$1,000.00. Applicants should have played in the league at least two years and currently reside in Wilmington.

The two available \$1,000.00 scholarships will only be awarded to two high school seniors who are continuing their education at an accredited trade school or college. Awards will be made based on merit, academ-

ics, work ethic, and community service.

Further information about the application, required information, references, and essay are available online at <http://wilmingtonyouthhockey.org/> or you can contact Kathi O'Donoghue at wyha.scholarship@wilmingtonyouthhockey.org.

Deadline to submit all portions of this application process is April 15, 2020.

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